

City of Greenbelt, Maryland

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Responses to Open-ended Questions 1-4

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Most Liked about Greenbelt

1. Describe what you like most about the Greenbelt community.

Note that a number in parentheses after a response indicates how many individuals gave that same response.

Community Character and People

Precinct 3

- All the community events and the feel of really being a close-knit place
- Co-operative spirit
- Community (2 respondents)
- Community responsiveness and engagement
- Community-oriented; environmentally-oriented; diverse
- Community, safe, affordable, clean. Close to urban access roads, but maintains small-town/green feel
- Diversity, sense of community, love of community
- Family community, small-town feel
- Friendliness
- Friendliness, diversity, tolerance
- Friendly
- Friendly community feel; approachability of police and political figures
- Friendly residents; caring neighbors
- Greenbelt use to be more of a family community
- I appreciate the self-sustaining nature of the community. I also appreciate the diversity of its people, housing, services and the willingness of the community to grow
- I love that it is a community
- I would prefer more diversity, but otherwise I like it. People are open and friendly but not in your face
- It is home
- It resembles the communities of the past - places for people to meet and visit, neighbors helping each other - sense of oneness
- It's quiet and peaceful
- It's quiet here and I'm never worried about someone stealing anything from me
- It's still a relatively small community
- It's very inviting and the residents are nice. Seems like a great place to raise a family and that is important to me
- It's warmth and welcoming to all
- Living in a generally well-kept, well-run community that offers diverse amenities for its diverse residents
- Neighborliness
- Nothing - if I could afford to move away I would, but my GHI house would take such a loss I have no choice but to stay
- Quiet
- Quiet, friendly
- Quiet; not over-developed

- Sense of community (2 respondents)
- Sense of community volunteerism
- Small-town feel for much of it
- Small-town feeling
- So many friendly people and things to do run by various volunteers
- That it feels like a community
- The collective active concerns for the well-being of community members
- The community as a whole stays true to its history of being a nice place to live for everyone, including those of limited resources. Everyone tries to be helpful, supportive, and inclusive. Greenbelt is a very unique and special community with residents that genuinely care for and take pride in their community
- The simple, kind, connected way people interact; the way people and nature co-exist; the presence of so many Co-ops; the emphasis on family events; the importance/presence of art; the great library; the wonderful events; walking paths; fitness center/pools; Roosevelt Center with usable businesses; the amazing movie theater
- Tight knit
- Unique atmosphere

Precinct 6

- An appreciation for Greenbelt's unique origin and its collective sense of community
- Citizen involvement/generous support of programs. Beauty/history/progressive tradition/volunteering; Community Center and all the other vibrant venues for activities and community involvement
- Feel safer here than probably anywhere else
- Feeling of community
- Greenbelt is great
- I enjoy living in a place where people are involved and work together. I especially treasure the green efforts (woods, solar, zero waste, composting) and arts everywhere
- I like the mixed income nature and diversity it brings
- It is a community that cares
- It is friendly, cohesive, safe and holistic in scope
- Like a big family
- People
- Sense of community - at least in center Greenbelt
- That Greenbelt is a community; the people
- That it is a community with great cohesion
- That it seems friendly overall and stresses community
- The community itself
- The people (2 respondents)
- What I like most is the sense of community. I don't have children, but I am very interested in public spending which will benefit my neighbors and the community as a whole, for example education spending

Precinct 8

- Friendly neighbors
- Great overall community
- Greenbelt West's potential
- I like most of the people and the opportunity it provides most of its citizens. At its best, I can get along with any and everybody
- Small-town atmosphere
- The family atmosphere

Precinct 13

- Citizens residing in Greenbelt care about their community
- Cooperation; friendliness/neighborliness; volunteerism; citizen communication venues for robust brainstorming and dialogue keeps it a vibrant community
- Everyone has been welcoming
- Fairly safe; clean
- Greenbelt is a family-oriented area. A great place to raise a family
- Nice family community with low crime
- People
- Quiet and safe
- Safe environment; hospitality - great
- Sense of community
- That many residents really care about our City
- The people
- The small-town feel in a City
- The thing I like the most about Greenbelt is the sense of community and togetherness
- This is a beautiful City to live and raise a family in. I feel safe and enjoy the amenities

Precinct 18

- Cleanliness and safety
- Community
- Community orientation
- Community spirit/green space
- Diversity
- I grew up here so it always felt like home. We have everything we need
- I like our community
- It is a nice area. I was attracted by the homeliness of community. I have lived here seven years but the demographic of people and quality of people has certainly changed. I stayed put so long because it's very accessible to everything in this area
- It's a very engaged and aware community
- Local community
- Overall, I feel safe here
- Quiet
- Relatively safe, diverse community
- Safe community; beautiful community; friendly community
- The feel and sense of community
- The friendliness and sense of community are very important to our family

- The neighborliness of the community
- The people
- The people, the small-town feel, the fact that the City is well maintained by people that care
- The sense of community and history
- There is a strong sense of community in Center City
- Very quiet and quaint

Early Voting

- A great place to live and raise a family
- Attitude toward community
- Clean, friendly and safe
- Community
- Community involvement, spirit
- Community spirit (2 respondents)
- Community-minded; friendliness
- Community, low crime, unique
- Convenience, people, Council members
- Diversity on so many levels
- Everyone says hello
- Family-oriented community
- For the most part it is very friendly and non-violent, always has been in Old Greenbelt
- Friendliness
- Friendly and cohesiveness
- Friendly community and lots of local events to participate
- Great place to live
- Great sense of community
- Green space, residents, inclusive community
- Greenbelt is a kind, friendly, socially active, caring community that respects and appreciates its diversity
- Greenbelt is more like a small town than a City in a metropolitan area. Very family and community oriented
- I appreciate the neighborliness the most. I hope to volunteer once I have time
- I enjoy the people, environment, and safety of Greenbelt
- I feel that employees, including the Mayor and Council really care about the community. The first thing I tell people is that it is a very safe place to live
- I like the feeling of community. How if you've been here awhile you make good and deep friendships. People helping each other
- I like the level of community outreach. It is a diverse, welcoming community with lots of areas engaging the population
- I think many people in Greenbelt care about others, though they may not know how best to express it or help
- Inclusive
- It is a welcoming community. Well connected to transit public and personal. Diverse
- It is truly demographic owing to the hard work of so many faithful people. It is a good place to "call home"
- It was once welcoming but it no longer has the small-town feel

- It's a nice community
- Knowing neighbors, small-town atmosphere
- Living in Greenbelt
- Living on a human scale
- Local small-town community. Friendly
- My neighbors at Green Ridge House
- Neighborly helpfulness
- Neighbors who care
- Nice neighbors
- Nice try at a very troubled utopia
- People
- People are friendly and informed and it is generally safe
- Residents care and concern for our community; programs/activities for all ages; diversity; affordability for us (at East); home school community
- Responsive to needs of citizens; citizen participation is encouraged
- Safe, friendly
- Safe, peaceful, clean
- Safety and happiness support. A liberal, supportive, inclusive community
- Sense of community
- Sense of neighborhood
- Services provided for schools and adult population
- Small community feel. Tightly knit community
- Small enclosed community
- Small-town atmosphere where everybody knows everybody. Lots of activities
- Small-town feel
- Small-town feeling
- The "community spirit"
- The closeness and the friendliness and familiarity
- The diversity and neighborhood feel
- The diversity and the openness of people here
- The feeling of a small-town community (mainly within GHI)
- The feeling that everyone can be an important part of the community
- The people
- The sense of community of our residents
- The sense of community; a general sense of safety
- The sense that people actually care and are friendly
- The very real sense of community - mutuality of interest and investment in the commons
- There are lots of opportunities to meet neighbors. Lots of different activities. Great community
- This is a community we know one another in Old Greenbelt
- This is a welcoming community, a small-town-like experience. We love it
- We are a community (in three parts - because of Kenilworth Avenue and BW Parkway)

Mailed/delivered

- Affordability of GHI
- Openness; friendliness; provide continuing community information
- Safe to live
- The "green" environment; civic-minded, action-oriented community; friendly, quiet neighbors
- Togetherness

Web

- A sense of community and caring
- All the green; friendly people for the most part; a real feeling of community
- Cohesive, active community
- Friendliness and inclusiveness
- Greenbelt is truly a "community." Any time I shop at the Co-op store, I always see someone I know. I can walk to everything in Greenbelt. I rarely need to leave Greenbelt because it has everything I need. I love the interfaith cooperation and activities. I loved Greenbelt so much that my sister and her husband moved here recently after hearing me talk so much about how great Greenbelt is. They lived in North Beach
- I actually know my neighbors
- It feels like Greenbelt City makes a reasonable effort to keep the community together
- It's multigenerational, progressively-minded, and inclusive
- Love the size of our community and our progressive lean!
- Neighborliness
- Not much anymore. Which is a shame as I always wanted to live here since I was a kid and when I got the chance to move here 17 years ago I was thrilled. Now, I do not feel welcome here as conservatives are openly harassed and demeaned by a vocal portion of the citizenry. Take a look at the Greenbelters Facebook page. There is extreme hostility towards conservatives. I know it is not City-managed in any way but it gives a peek into the culture of this City and that culture is one of intolerance
- People who live here
- Sense of camaraderie
- Sense of community and friendliness of people in Old Greenbelt
- Sense of community. Planned community concepts, services
- Small-town feel
- So much to do, strong sense of community
- The caring and friendliness of most people who truly care about their homes and neighborhoods
- The closeness and friendly people
- The community feel
- The community is clean and relatively safe
- The diversity that exists in Greenbelt apart from Old Greenbelt
- The fact that I am accepted for who I am by the citizens of Greenbelt
- The people
- There is a sense of community in my court; neighbors rallying together to help out each other in times of need

Public and Private Facilities/Services/Programs

Precinct 3

- Activities for all ages in a wide variety; support groups of a wide variety (GAIL, camps, etc.)
- Cleanliness and orderliness
- Excellent activities and love Greenbelt Connection service
- Fitness center and pool. Snow cleanup is beyond excellent. Small, active, supportive community. Theater and all its creative educational programming
- Fitness center; tennis courts
- Great community services, residents who appreciate the community
- Great focus on pedestrians, residents and local events
- Greenbelt is a safe place to live. It has a lot of activities and services for seniors
- I enjoy the accessibility of services and shops, as well as its quiet, friendly atmosphere
- I enjoy the small-town feel, the sense of comradery, and the community services and activities that we have
- I like the Greenbelt pools and having all things nearby
- I love the GHI community and the Roosevelt Center, and I make daily use of the trail around Buddy Attick Lake
- It is clean, quiet; great schools and parks; outstanding City Police Department; great Little League baseball
- Labor Day
- Many activities for people to participate in
- Recreation activities; respect for nature
- Recreation Department, Community Center, good recycling program
- Recycling, shredding, aquatic center, Co-op; everything is close to get to
- Responsive government services
- Senior lunch program
- Small and offers a variety of activities
- So many activities, community support
- The City's streets and sidewalks are nicely kept up. The City keeps the floral decorations on offices and buildings. The City demands a nice appearance throughout the City
- Use of Northway for organic refuse; museum; Aquatic and Fitness Center; library; festivals, July 4th
- We have almost everything we need here
- Well-kept facilities and grounds; special programs in keeping the community informed such as social security and retirement, especially

Precinct 6

- Green aspects of the community. Richness of activities and support available
- Greenbelt Recreation and Public Works
- How Public Works keeps our town clean all year round; activities for all ages; police presence
- I like that there is often activities going on
- Library
- Parks, pathways, security, Labor Day Festival, Aquatic and Fitness Center
- Police, fire, aquatic, parks

- Range of activities
- Services provided; City pool and gym
- Snow removal. Aquatic and Fitness Center. Community Center
- Special events, such as Labor Day Festival
- Special events; Community Center; Roosevelt Center; parks
- The Aquatic and Fitness Center
- The community activities - pumpkin carving/walk, Labor Day Festival and parade, the many music festivals put on by the New Deal Cafe, the Art events at the Community Center, etc.
- Walkable, many activities, theater, New Deal Cafe, Community Center, lake

Precinct 8

- Cleanliness

Precinct 13

- Access to various business and personal facilities, i.e., medical
- Friendly; clean; low crime; well-run Council; great Police Department; great Public Works
- Like community building and wide variety of fitness/health classes. Love aquatic center; love Greenbelt theater and library
- Nice small town with lots of amenities and activities
- Police competency
- Police presence and situated at various locations
- Police, less crime
- Upkeep of grounds

Precinct 18

- All the events
- Friendly/vibrant local community events/recreational services are good
- Parks/lakes; clean communities

Early Voting

- A lot of bang for the buck on services. Diversity. Great learning opportunities. Most of all, community spirit. Oh and of course, all the Co-ops
- Activities for all ages
- Beautiful seasonal planting; have met most of Greenbelt Council members
- Beautiful trees and flowers; community walkways; plenty of resourceful programs available; ample transportation for access
- Co-op market so convenient
- Community - Cooperatives (Co-op Supermarket) - takes 20 minutes instead of 5 minutes to get a quart of almond milk because I stop to talk to so many neighbors and friends. New Deal Cafe, Greenbelt Arts Center and the Old Greenbelt Theatre – C. Cherry's productions, Franklin Park Recreation Center staff
- Community Center. Roosevelt Center. Shops, library, GHI; convenient bus service to Metro (except for hours)
- Community events, activities for kids and families
- Diversity; resources
- Even though I do not have children, I celebrate the kids activities at the center

- Events throughout Greenbelt
- Excellent job keeping roads clean during the winter
- Friendly people. Lots of recreation activities. Please offer adult circus art again. Lots of green space. Artful Afternoons. Labor Day Festival. Library system
- Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center; senior programs, including trips and the Golden Age Club; the library
- I like that information about community events, programs, Council meetings are broadcast via email
- I love that we have a single screen movie theatre dedicated to arthouse cinema within easy walking distance to my house
- I love the community feel/atmosphere, the festivals; the efforts to make these and programs available to all income levels; the senior program efforts are great
- I love the walkways and parks; love Buddy Attick Park; can't wait for the work there to be finished
- I truly enjoy the community events at New Deal. Arts at Community Center. Aquatic and Fitness Center, Co-op and the current events of City of Greenbelt
- Lots of activities for seniors, adults, children. Greenbelt is a busy community with things to do. Not a boring city to live in
- Love Greenbelt. Great City services, police and public works
- Love living in Greenbelt. Safe, love our police and fire, good city staff
- Many activities for families
- Parks and open space; programs for adults and kids; the diversity of the population
- Programs for all ages
- Questionnaires at every election is an excellent way to capture public sentiment, this one is especially comprehensive. Thank you
- Sense of community and gardens; preserve lake; all the arts and restaurants available (New Deal music, GAC, Cinema, Community Center)
- Services and activities; excellent City staff at all levels; responsiveness and professionalism
- Services for seniors; good neighbors; services to community organizations (Center)
- So many activities
- Space for community events; efforts to engage community in political discussion
- Special fairs and Recreation Department activities; Co-op spirit; participation of people in events. I appreciate that there is a GAIL program and counseling services
- The City's public works and police provide good and efficient value for tax dollars
- The Community Center; the Greenbelt Theatre; the #1 Greenbelt News Review; the Co-op; the recycling center, trash and recycling pick-up
- The feeling of community; the police response; safety security; trash collection and recycle collection; snow removal
- The nature, trees, trails, and parks; the library
- The quality of services provided for seniors
- The schools, malls and more things

Mailed/delivered

- I like the Center City (Co-op, credit union, library, movies, stores, etc.), Buddy Attick Park and walking the paths off of Crescent and Ridge Roads
- I like the way that Public Works performs and keeps our City looking beautiful and the excellent staff and employees. Community development staff excellent service rendered and prompt result of request. They are very polite, courteous and knowledgeable
- Roosevelt Center where everybody meets to socialize
- Volunteerism. Services and organizations for seniors

Web

- I love the events and how easy it is to find out about them
- Labor Day Festival, library
- Open and green spaces, public library
- Opportunities to get involved
- Programming is nice; would be even better if it was more accessible and relevant to working parents
- Public Works. Please value the long-serving trash/recycling people by giving them a merit raise--for their steadfastness, cheerfulness, and efficiency
- The amount of community/family programs available to residents
- The events

Walkability/Accessibility and Convenient Location

Precinct 3

- Accessibility
- Center is walkable, green spaces, small-town feel
- Close to friends and town center shops/restaurants/movies
- Design/layout, easy to get around location in Maryland
- Ease and convenience
- Easily accessible to highways, grocery stores
- Everything is close together. I like the Recreational Center
- I like knowing people in the community and the walkability of Center City - can we do more to bridge the other parts of the City?
- Safe walkable neighborhoods in Old Greenbelt. Access to local businesses in Roosevelt Center. Old Greenbelt Theater
- Somewhat walkable community
- That we are a community and there are so many things to do; movie theater, various eateries, music venues - all within walking distance
- The walkability of Center City, with the library, recreation, and grocery easily accessible
- Walkability
- Walkability (including having things to walk to safely)
- Walkability (would love to see that expand to Greenbelt West and East)
- Walkability and bike ability
- Walkability of Center City; Farmer's Market
- Walkability of Center City

- Walkability, access to public transportation
- Walkability/events
- Walkable (2 respondents)
- Walkable, green

Precinct 6

- "Walkability," friendliness
- Greenbelt is a wonderful place to live. Walkability and centrally located resources
- Old Greenbelt, walk to library, Co-op, stores
- Walkability
- Walkability; small-town feel
- Walkable so many sites, library - credit union, movie theater, New Deal Cafe, Community Center, City services, lake, pool
- Walking distance to facilities in Old Greenbelt
- Walking paths; locations of things in central Greenbelt are great

Precinct 8

- Close to public transportation and shopping
- Literally green. Excellent bike access, bus routes, walkable
- You can get to shopping fairly easy

Precinct 13

- Centrally located
- Close proximity to other towns, events, and D.C.
- Very accessible to everything
- Walkable, clean community with plenty of resources
- Well-kept, very close to major roadways. Convenient shopping stores. Close to other family members

Precinct 18

- I like the proximity of shopping malls, hospitals, and pharmacies
- Walkability

Early Voting

- Access to public transportation and local stores
- Being able to walk most places in Old Greenbelt
- Close to 495, 95, ICC, and University of Maryland
- Convenience
- Convenience to our jobs, businesses
- Easy access to the wider DMV; greenness; walking and biking support
- Going down the center through the sidewalks; going down the center for most everything
- I like the small-town feel, the centralized location of so many things like the Community Center, library, Co-op, movie theater, pool, etc.
- I like the walkability of the Roosevelt Center area and the many playgrounds and kid-friendly activities

- I live in GHI and love the fact that I can walk to the Co-op market, Old Greenbelt Theater, New Deal, Cedars, access to plays, pool, credit union, Farmer's Market, and the people are awesome and nice
- It is a walkable community with options in the area
- It's size and location
- Living near Center City, it's the quick walk across to many products and services
- Location
- Location and walkability
- Location, location, location
- Location. Service
- Overall I am happy with my City. Many ways to be transported
- The Metro is close and the shopping mall
- Walkability - services
- Walkability, proximity to the center
- Walking accessibility for most needs - and pleasure
- Walking in pleasant surroundings to a variety of places for various needs (i.e., food, etc.) and wants (i.e., music, art, etc.)
- Walking paths that are separate from roads
- You can walk to everything

Mailed/delivered

- Convenience to everything

Web

- Convenient location to Metro, D.C., natural areas
- Easy access to City facilities and programming with walkability
- Easy to get around; convenient
- I like the area in which I live and it's proximity to the District and major highways
- It's location - close to Washington D.C.
- It's mostly outside of the Beltway
- Safety, convenient location to public transportation
- The fact that it is walkable. The Forest Preserve and Greenbelt Lake -- I love being able to go hiking without getting in my car and driving
- The mixed use nature of the Center City
- Walkability
- Walkable
- Walking distance to library and Centerway stores

Natural Setting

Precinct 3

- Green spaces
- The natural setting - trees, green, and encouragement of gardens

Precinct 6

- Green space
- The Green Belt, the trees and nature in a surrounding overdeveloped area; more offices and housing aren't needed when so many are vacant

Precinct 13

- It's beautiful and quiet

Precinct 18

- Beautiful and well-maintained grounds, road, trails, parks and public space
- Being able to go to the park across the street
- I really like living in Greenbelt. The City is clean, beautiful scenery in the spring and fall. They really keep the common areas clean
- The environment
- The plants and trees which make Greenbelt green and fresh

Early Voting

- Green
- I like the abundance of trees
- Tree canopy, Greenbelt Lake
- Trees, green space, open areas. Walking trails/paths. Any attempt to over develop Greenbelt Center should be met with fierce opposition
- Trees, green space, open space, wildlife habitat
- Trees, quaint, cozy, feels like "home"

Mailed/delivered

- The walking paths, people's gardens, the trees, the lake, the woods

Web

- Having so many trees and natural areas within walking distance of many homes
- Undeveloped land

Multiple/Miscellaneous Likes

Precinct 3

- Access services to all ages; activism; aging in place - including Medicare consultation; green consciousness and need to increase across the board
- Accessibility to many amenities. Co-op community; diversity
- Affordable; friendly atmosphere; walkability
- Best place in the world to grow up; ball fields, the lake, the farms, the pool
- Born and raised here. Walk to everything. Great neighbors
- Charm of the historic design and buildings. Walkability of Center City (inner walkways, nearness of grocery store, movie, restaurants, music, library, etc.); many people who share my values
- Co-ops, trails, festivals, New Deal Cafe
- Community feel; access to services; proximity to D.C. airports

- Community; walkable in Center City; friendly
- Diversity, community feel, walkability, some good destinations, great parks
- Diversity, efforts to accommodate that diversity; social/recreational activities; walkability, nearness of public transportation; friendliness
- Excellent support from GHI and HIP
- Family community; Co-op; family activities
- Friendliness
- Friendliness, accessibility, diversification
- GHI Co-operative, lack of development toward gentrification
- Great size, responsive government, great recreation programs and camps
- Green spaces, walkability, recreation options
- I appreciate the amount of green space and flora and fauna. I appreciate the forest. I can walk to the Co-op, the cafe, the recreation center, the post office. I appreciate the general aura of tolerance which permeates and the theatre. I love the outdoor pool and the City, the ping pong club at the youth Recreation Center
- I feel safe, very little crime. Close to shopping
- I like that it is a community. I like the New Deal Cafe, Public Works, GHI. I love the trees and being part of the community
- I like the small-town feel, the local newspaper and afford to keep things green
- I love the entire community for walkability and walking. I moved back to Greenbelt for the services they provide
- I love walking and biking everywhere and the Aquatic and Fitness Center. The schooling is also exceptional
- Inclusiveness and diversity of people and religion. Arts and mixture of very young and senior community
- It is a true community. The movie theater
- It's a neighborly community; Greenbelt Elementary School and Roosevelt High School; diversity; affordability; history names/principles; location/resources/small size
- It's diversity, location, recreational facilities and access, the environment (green spaces)
- It's diversity, walkability, sense of community, Co-op spirit
- Just about everything
- My court family; aquatic/fitness; senior classes
- Nature - safety, proximity to public transport, friendly residents - public library - walking path at lake
- Neighborly; able to walk to stores, cafe, exercise, etc.
- Neighbors, Roosevelt Center, movie theater, Co-op grocery/pharmacy, the lake, pool, library
- Old trees; actively involved community; in GHI, getting problems fixed by maintenance
- Opportunities to enjoy the outdoors such as the lake, playgrounds, foot paths, and the attractiveness of the grounds; library
- Playgrounds, bike lanes, sidewalks, people
- Sense of community; dedicated police force; our own Public Works
- Sense of community; how much everyone loves about their neighbors and the community; the quirkiness of Greenbelt green spaces; lot of events; diversity
- Small-town pool; well-run municipal government; low crime rate
- Social justice; diversity; arts

- Support for all Greenbelt community members. Low hanging tree branches over sidewalks
- The active involvement of its citizens in volunteer activities; the recreational facilities
- The area, the people, convenience near Beltway
- The community; knowing my neighbors; social opportunities; walking
- The friendliness and co-operation; the many activities and activists
- The GHI sidewalk system, GHI services, close knit neighborhoods, recreational and cultural activities
- The Greenbelt Museum, The Woodland Trails, history and sense of community
- The lake and park/trail. The trail occasionally gets eroded and maintenance of that could potentially be better, but otherwise it's great. I also appreciate that I always feel safe here (except sometimes from vehicular traffic)
- The New Deal Cafe, the Greenbelt Co-op, the movie theater, Greenbelt Lake, music festivals, protected woods
- The people; the walkability; the library and movie theater
- The people. Buddy Attick Park
- The variety of folks who live here. The classes at the Community Center, the public library, the lake and trails
- This is a true community - people know each other. While the 80/20 rule exists, many people do get engaged. The New Deal Cafe, Greenbelt Theater, Farmer's Market, Arts Center, parks, Labor Day Festival, Greenbelt Community Foundation, Aquatic Center
- Trails; library book club; friendly
- Trees, green areas, walking spaces, small shops, close recreation facilities
- Trees, parks, the lake, walkability
- Values, people, environment
- Walkability - kindness of neighbors. Location of the library, aquatic center, youth center and lake all within walking distance of my house. That its high school district is Roosevelt, the best high school in the County
- Walkability and car access to major highways; community togetherness and services and tolerance; community theatre; community pool and fitness center
- Walkability and community
- Walkability, center area including Community Center/library/Co-op, Municipal Building, aquatic center, businesses, theater, restaurants, lake. Also, diversity, volunteerism, art focus
- Walkability, Co-ops. Festivals at Roosevelt Center, i.e., GreenMan, Blues, etc. The Wilderness Preserve, i.e., North Woods
- Walkability, opportunities for cultural enrichment (movie theatre, art center - plays, Artful Afternoons) and the people
- Walkability, public activities, movie theater, aquatic center
- Walkable, friendly people, Greenbelt New Review, diverse community, New Deal Cafe, Co-op grocery, good programs for children, Greenbelt Museum, Labor Day Festival, Greenbelt Park, Buddy Attick
- Walkable; green spaces; community approach; kindness; Co-ops; saying hello; Farmer's Market
- Walking everywhere, convenience, breadth of activities, part senior fit, New Deal Cafe and Old Greenbelt

Precinct 6

- Buddy Attick, bike lanes, Anacostia trail, library, kids programs, arts, dance, performances, walkability, activities in Community Center, Farmer's Market, engaged community
- Close community, people, Co-op grocery, walkable
- Convenience; City government; location
- Engaged, active community. Lots of Co-ops, arts activities, green space, walkable
- Farmer's Market - great. Internal sidewalks; spirit
- Friendliness, arts, shopping opportunities
- Friendly, interactive, diverse population. Plenty of activities, fitness center very good. Closeness of services and shopping
- Friendly, walkways
- GHI has ample green space and trees. Roosevelt Center, the Co-op, Community Center, library, and fitness center are close to GHI
- GHI; Co-op living; communication; family atmosphere; community unity; church access
- Good services and a strong connected community
- I appreciate the new parent night out at Community Center. So much in walking distance
- I like the friendly people, the parks, and the numerous free activities that I can participate in
- I live in GHI so I have access to the Community Center, GAC, etc. There a lot of things going on - lots of ways to meet people; lots of things to do; ways to get "involved"
- It's still here
- It's walkable, provides bus service for those who cannot drive or walk; the community-building events; proximity to BARC and Metro
- Love the small-town, diverse, historic feel and (where it exists) walkability. Also appreciate good public transit
- Nature; local music scene
- Nothing
- People, parks, convenience
- People; our elected officials
- Sense of community, history, parks, recreation, Public Works
- Sense of community; walkability and green space
- Small-town USA feel
- That it is a community. That it supports physical fitness, the arts and kids. The C. Cherry productions
- The cooperative history, spirit of civic engagement, walkability of Old Greenbelt, plenty of shade trees (it's always a few degrees cooler in Old Greenbelt on a hot day); living tradition of environmental concern
- The family atmosphere
- The focus on sustainability - this will hopefully increase
- The friendly people, close knit community feeling, children's activities, walkability
- The neighbors/friendliness, the green space, and primitive trails in the "green belt" (North parcel); the downtown (Co-ops, makerspace, library, aquatic center); the local celebrations (e.g., Labor Day Festival); the trees throughout the City
- Trees, green space, good for walking, good location
- Walkability, environmental sustainability, services for youth and seniors
- Walkable and family-oriented
- Walkable; environmental concerns addressed

- Walking in Center City; sidewalks, underpasses; bus service; friendliness of people in City/Center

Precinct 8

- Affordable rentals compared to rest of D.C. area
- Buddy Attick Park; Greenbelt State Park; Memorial Day, 4th of July; programs; aquatic center
- Great sense of community; volunteer opportunity
- I do like all the events (special events) and community programs that are available
- I feel safe
- I like Greenbelt community because there is good parking space. There is availability of schools, Metro and market
- I love the trees and the sense of community especially in East Greenbelt
- Local events
- Low cost of housing
- Safety; cleanliness; aquatic fitness center
- The diversity, the easy access to public transportation
- The parks, the community programming, the pool, the bike lanes
- The spaces in the houses. There are so much room and closet space. I like that the stores are close by

Precinct 13

- Affordability, diversity, good quality living with great resources
- Clean; diverse; greenery; easy access to everything
- Clean; friendly; low crime; easy access BWI, 495, 95
- Cohesiveness of community; Co-op; swim center
- Historic and a feel of community, parks, and recreations
- I like the diversity of people in Greenbelt and the community feeling. I also like the variety of services and programs available (e.g., GAIL)
- Quiet, generally safe, easily accessible to major highways
- Small community feel, generally safe, has services I use - library, local performances, festivals, etc.
- The family activities - the Recreation Department and the resources that the City provides
- There are many community activities. Friendly neighbors

Precinct 18

- 45+ years. Love it all
- Cleanliness, access to everything
- Convenience to everything including major highways and shopping. Friendly people. Many hardworking volunteers
- Greenbelt is the best City to live in Prince George's County
- I enjoy the parks and trails. I frequent the Farmer's Market and love the selections at the library. I also support the Co-op
- I moved here before starting my family and found a gem in the midst of chaos. It's convenient to everything; safe where I live; and has lots of green spaces. I love it
- Location, people, green areas, access to shopping, etc.

- Opportunities available for water fitness; police protection
- Parks, green space, fairs
- Peaceful, quietness, services
- Recreation, events, schools
- Small-town feeling; neighborly; convenient to Beltway, BW Parkway, airport
- Well-kept beautification; security; housing/stores

Early Voting

- City employees; green and open space
- Civic participation and awareness. General progressive bent to local politics. Wide variety of well-run City services
- Close to things and people I know and love
- Close-knit community; easy access to services and events
- Co-op store; fitness center; Roosevelt Center; movie house; café. Good access and parking to all above
- Co-operative - supportive atmosphere. Green environment. GHI maintenance services
- Community feel, lots of great programs/services, walkable
- Community spirit; Co-operative involvement in so many activities; sustainability initiatives; able to safely walk places and around Greenbelt Lake
- Everyone is friendly; the Roosevelt Center provides most entertainment needs
- Everything
- Friendliness; closeness to D.C.; walkability
- Friendly atmosphere; forest preserve and tree/shrub/perennial gardens; easy access to City services; the GAIL program
- Friendly, helpful, interested
- Friendly, liberal community, with excellent Council and City government. Lots of green space
- Friendly, safety, walkability
- Friendly, walkable, great community, walking around lake, community gardens
- Friends here; activities; good Council work; good City administration
- Generally friendly and inclusive. It's affordable for the D.C. area. There are many services - it's senior-friendly. Love the New Deal history
- Good government, great recreation services, City layout of streets, etc.
- Green space. Sense of community
- I do like the family outreach activities; I like the police presence to keep everyone orderly; the community is orderly, friendly and caring overall
- I enjoy the walkability and sense of close-knit community
- I like the City Council responsiveness to citizen's needs. I like the News Review, the walking trails, the movie theater and the senior programs
- I love Greenbelt. CARES is amazing. Community meetings, access to Roosevelt as a community space is great. No up building
- I love it
- I love the beauty of GHI - I feel lucky to live in such a forested area so near D.C. I love the sense of community and the involvement
- It is a quiet City community. They let us know what's going on in the community by email or phone

- It is a utopian community where neighbors know and help each other. Springhill photovoltaic solar electric
- It is friendly - caters to seniors. Love the Co-op grocery
- It's green, it's clean, the City seems involved, small community feel with great services
- Large percentage of volunteerism; excellent snow removal; hard working City Council and all departments
- Lived here for many years and have always felt safe. They offer a lot of programs for the people
- Location, size, history, connectedness
- Multi-culture neighborhood; near Metro train and bus service seven days a week
- Neighborhoods - I like the way people look out for each other. I love the parks and community facilities where people can gather
- Open government
- Pedestrian walkways - gardens; City services - recycling, trash pickup, public works (snow removal) - volunteerism; housing affordability, arts hours and C. Cherry's plays - Greenbelt Museum and Theatre (C. McGrath), Farmer's Market
- Quiet and well-maintained; access to shops and main roads
- Quiet, nice, green. Kept clean. Shops in a circle and close
- Sense of comfort, friendly people, trails system
- Sense of community, residents care about each other; friendliness, walkability, diversity of activities
- Sense of community; something is happening every day, no shortages of things to do
- Services, senior citizen, friendly, green conscious
- Small-town atmosphere only 30 minutes outside D.C.; access to public transportation; aquatic center; GIVES; the central Co-op; restaurants; housing within walking distance to grocery store; the Greenbelt Theater; Bee Yoga Fusion
- Small-town atmosphere; great events
- Small-town neighborliness, yet cosmopolitan attitudes owing to high level of education. The preservation of nature: trees, Buddy Attick Park, respect for and enjoyment of wild life. Metro is close on the occasions when I need/want to go to D.C.
- Strong sense of community, many good services, good leaders and good neighbors
- The community - walkways - recreation center
- The community atmosphere, programs for families, the Aquatic and Fitness Center; Co-op grocery store; Old Greenbelt Theater, Greenbelt Lake and Park; trash collection, Greenbelt CARES and GIVES
- The community; green spaces
- The diversity of people, liberal/hippiesque personalities, cleanliness; sense of history and community; convenience, beauty of parks and neighborhoods; free family/counseling services
- The lake, the people
- The people, activities, safety, everything
- The people, the convenience of shops in Center City
- The sense of community and variety of activities
- Trees, activities, access to interstate
- Volunteerism; access to City Council personnel; calmness
- Walkability and friendly neighbors

- Walkability, Co-op
- Walkability, community spirit and engagement
- Walkability; Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center; library
- Walkable, safe, nice people, plenty to do, great camps for children
- Walkways, lake, playgrounds, aquatic center, elementary school, employees; overall, Greenbelt is great

Mailed/delivered

- Care for residents, safety, services and parks
- Chill community vibe. The Buddy Attick Park has fantastic bird life (and I would like to see local habitat cared for to keep birds thriving)
- Good sense of community, neighbors look out for each other; walkability - inner walkways, underpasses, close to shopping, library, recreation, etc., our Greenbelt Forest Preserve
- Greenbelt Forest Preserve; good neighbors and friends
- Historic, small-town feeling. The community events that bring everyone together, including Farmer's Market, Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness Help Unite Greenbelt (HUG) walk. Old Greenbelt Theatre's terrific programming
- It's safe, clean and has many conveniences like the library, Co-op, Recreation Center, and Community Center (theater)
- Living among the trees in Old Greenbelt - all the greenspace; all the activities and facilities; love the Farmer's Market
- Petition and vote for: pitbulls and breed sanctuary status; immigration sanctuary; due to salt deductions, I am uncertain as to tax consequences. Greenbelt maybe a good location to rent properties
- Sense of community, environmentally sensitive, animal shelter, activities for all ages at Community Center, Friday and Sunday folk dance classes at Community Center dance studio
- The community spirit, activities, festivals and family-friendly fun
- The pathways, parks, and security. The Community Center is great
- The sense of community, likeminded people working on projects, volunteerism, recognizing so many faces. This is strongest in Historic Greenbelt where recognition groups have free use of Community Center. The Co-ops
- The sense of community, the concern for neighbors, the environment, social justice. I love the way so many residents are engaged in finding solutions to our common issues, love the arts and recreation for all ages. The access to City Council and other leaders in our community. (Old Greenbelt Theater) OGT!!! City employees!!!
- Walkability, theater, senior services, library, Co-op grocery, lake path, diversity, civility, serenity, GHI
- Walkability, we are so close to Center City; we have lots of amenities available; love Labor Day, Farmer's Market, Greenman! and the museum
- Walking community; green space; parks and playgrounds

Web

- Activities for everyone, friendly folks
- Central geographical core of community activities in the Roosevelt Center area
- Close knit community, walkability, small-town feel

- Close to DC and Baltimore. Right outside of the Beltway. Having our own Police Department
- Diversity, Farmer's Market, bike path
- Friendly neighborhood with accessible City services and personnel; Roosevelt Center businesses; aquatic center
- GHI
- Green space, arts and culture programs, good City services, location
- Green space; accessible to major places, e.g., Baltimore, Washington D.C., Annapolis, etc.
- Green, quiet, friendly, open, hidden gem
- Has been my home since being born in 1952
- High-quality City services, convenience of public facilities (at least for central-city residents!), availability of good public transportation (City and regional), community feeling and commitment
- How it encourages real community and friendships. Its physical layout that fosters walking and bicycling. The Town Center and its restaurants, especially the New Deal Cafe, which serves as a pub, music venue and art gallery as well as "community living room." The restaurants are good to excellent, and very different from one another, which compensates for the fact that there are only four: New Deal Cafe, Cedars of Lebanon, Beijing, and Generous Joe's. I love them all
- I can walk lots of places; the festivals are fun and I feel a sense of community
- I get a lot of return for my dollar, both through the City and GHI. I like the strong community involvement and, since I live in Center City, the walkability and how pretty the City is. Leadership, including Council and the police force, have been pretty much scandal-free since I came here almost 20 years ago, and there are many communities that can't say that. There's more value in that than people realize
- I like Greenbelt because it has a small-town, community feel in the midst of Metro Washington. Much of the Metro Washington area can seem very impersonal and transient, but Greenbelt is a community where many people seem to set down roots. I feel like I have become more of a part of the community ever since I started to volunteer at the Animal Shelter in 2012. I also love Greenbelt's parks, trees, and wooded spaces, and its support of the arts
- I like where I live - lots of trees and lots of friendly neighbors
- I live in GHI and love the sense of community, safety, walkability, amenities available at the Town Center
- It is affordable, has a good sense of community among residents, has lots of great parks and recreational opportunities, and I feel like it's a lot less materialistic and stressful than most places in the modern world. Things have a small-town feel that I really enjoy. I like the events (various festivals throughout the year), the trails and green space, the aquatic center, movie theater, and Art drop ins. It's also great how kids can just go around on their own -- walk to school, the park, Roosevelt Center, etc.
- It is family-oriented and focused on environmental and historical preservation
- Living in a friendly, walkable community with lots of green space
- Location and proximity to highways and D.C. city center. Cost of living is reasonable compared to other cities. City services are above average compared to neighboring cities
- Location, history and community spirit
- Location. Relatively safe. Shopping nearby

- Overall best place to live in Prince George's County
- Plenty - the walkability (in GHI), festivals/events, and Community Center activities are among my favorites
- Positive approach to problems, using green thinking (both environmental and new tech); diversity in population and an appreciation of the diversity in both government and populous
- Progressive community, beautiful surroundings, walkability, responsive Public Works, general sense of safety and organized governance
- Quiet and safe
- Quiet, close knit, and affordable with access to D.C. and Baltimore. Concentrates on maintaining City character with changing times
- Small-town feel in the Center City, walkable
- The green spaces, the walkability, the parks, the cleanliness, the safety, the community, the Co-op, the restaurants
- The sense of community and geographic compactness
- The small-town feel, the people, the walkability, the convenience
- The support, connections, available activities, access to parks. That there are new developments and new stores are built
- There is a lot of greenspace, a lot of interesting places to walk, fun activities, the Roosevelt Center is very convenient and it's nice to have live music available so easily and the movie theater
- Trails, parks, and walking facilities. Local service offerings
- Trees, sense of community
- Walkability in the center part of town. Friendliness of people. Meetings, parties, etc., organized by residents
- Walkability, bike access, Roosevelt Center, proximity to public transit and affordability
- Walkability, Co-op, senior classes
- Walkability, community, community programming and activism
- Walkability, feeling of community, recreation activities, lots of trees/green spaces
- Walkability, general friendliness
- Walkability, trees, documentaries and lectures

Least Liked about Greenbelt

2. Describe what you like least about the Greenbelt community.

Note that a number in parentheses after a response indicates how many individuals gave that same response.

Nothing/Don't Know

Precinct 3

- Haven't lived here long enough
- Nothing really

Precinct 6

- I can't think of anything
- Love it
- No issues
- Nothing

Precinct 13

- Not a thing

Precinct 18

- None
- Nothing really
- I like everything

Early Voting

- No significant dislike
- Nothing (3 respondents)
- Nothing occurs to me

Mail and Delivery

- Nothing
- I like everything

Web

- Not much - it's hard to imagine leaving Greenbelt. Central Greenbelt could stand to be more diverse
- Not too much as I have lived here for approximately 40 years
- Nothing

Services/Amentities

Precinct 3

- Brighter street lights
- Cleanliness has suffered in the last few years. Establishments should be required to keep the area around their business clean
- Community Center lounge only for seniors
- Dog parks
- Greenbelt is a walkable community, generally speaking, but there are many places where sidewalks simply disappear and a pedestrian is forced to walk in the street or cross unsafely to another sidewalk
- I am well educated, worked for the Federal Government and for over a decade became disabled through no fault of my own; work hard to give back to my community as I have always done, yet I can't afford to eat to the point it is causing additional medical conditions. I am literally starving. This should not happen, especially in Greenbelt given its history
- I think if a tree is chopped down another should be planted right away
- Lack of communal effort to clean and maintain public areas of leaves, snow
- Lights
- Our senior program used to be good. Now we do nothing
- Short library hours
- Snow removal needs to improve; leaf picks, need better schedule for the bus
- Sometimes GHI is slow to respond to maintenance requests
- Spray paint vandalism cleaning techniques need to be more sophisticated and not resort to simple painting over the vandalism; use advanced graffiti removal products

Precinct 8

- Equity of services - less to Greenbelt West
- I like access to the Community Center and stores, doctors' appointments
- In the Springhill Lake area, cleaning of courts and inside building do not seem to have priority
- Need more community activities to bring all of Greenbelt together
- Not enough services for the homeless; not enough affordable housing

Precinct 13

- More activities for young adults
- The care of the dog park. Many people called to have it cleaned up and it took a long time. There are rarely any poop bags. Even users of the park do not follow protocols
- Too many folks fail to show up for some of the really great special events. But citizen - non-participation is widespread, not just here

Precinct 18

- Greenbelt Mall. Not being able to use Roosevelt's soccer field because it is always locked
- Not enough crosswalks, accessibility to bus stations. No sidewalks to walk from 193 to Southway
- Offer the same services, no forward thinking. Very little for single folks
- Restricted in community programs

- The cleaning
- The horrible gigantic tree that is on the common area by my property. It causes me much stress. Bird droppings, pollen, leaves, which I have to take care of constantly. Washing my car, raking, sweeping, leaves getting tracked into my house from my walkway. The bird poop and pollen are particularly invasive. They should cut it down

Early Voting

- Cell phone reception...or lack thereof
- City tries to extend services when perhaps a public organization, county, or state might be able to provide
- Decrease in quality programs and facilities for programs. SAGE teachers have difficulty with AV equipment. Chairs in Community Center need an upgrade
- Events at Roosevelt Center are too damn loud. Painfully loud and damaging to hearing. I can't attend them without earplugs and all people living in walking distance are forced to listen. Extremely annoying and drive people away, not attract them
- Everything is convenient - movie theater, food, some restaurants and classes at Community Center
- I think the appearance of the City grounds has decreased
- I wish we could start a compost pick-up program. I currently drop my organic waste at MOMS and Whole Foods
- If it can't support itself, close. The City should not be running a movie theater on City tax dollars
- Lack of sidewalks where needed
- Littering
- Movie theater, Co-op, library, playgrounds, aquatic center
- New Greenbelt website - can't search by date range
- No walking pathways in Greenbelt East
- Not opening until 9am - how about 8:45am even, but preferably 8am - especially the Co-op and the Community Center
- Public Works - street maintenance, forgetting residential streets
- Recycling is inconvenient
- Separating of services Center City versus other commonly
- The amount of trash I see on public spaces/land/trails
- The City seems stuck in old ways and history. Bring the City into the 21st century with innovative programs and services
- The lack of responsiveness by City staff that run the Community Center. The senior programs have significantly deteriorated since the departure of K. Hassely
- We need to have more activities nearby the area of Franklin Park, Metro and Ryan Apartments area

Mailed/delivered

- The Co-op and shopping district is embarrassing and needs a renovation. We need a study hall after the library closes

Web

- Everything is a little run down, especially the fitness center. I pay for a membership but hardly use it
- Concerns about the cost of the theatre to the City
- Not inspecting apartments more often for rodents, illegal animals, etc.
- The parks are not maintained. The bike trails in and around Greenbelt Station are rarely mowed, full of trash and as of today, October 21, still have waist high grass along the edge of the trails. Further, the parks and trails around Greenbelt Station are full of trash. The City seems to have a grudge against this area of the City and I am not sure why. Please help keep Greenbelt Station parks as beautiful as the rest of Greenbelt
- The walking paths should have more lighting on them! Too dim and dark! Should definitely spray for mosquitos and ticks--very massive amounts!!! Lyme disease has been present around Lakeside playground!!
- GHI rules regarding pets and yard care

Transportation/Traffic/Noise

Precinct 3

- Difficulty accessing Metro on weekends and late nights
- Highway noise
- Metro bus service ends too early at night
- Ridge Road and Gardenway - too much vehicle noise (terrible) and airplane/helicopter noise/traffic; speeding not obeying signs/noise of trucks, buses, heavy equipment incessant and very loud (sound also goes into sewer pipes and vibrates or magnifies in houses)
- Speeding cars in Old Greenbelt
- That it is so separated from Greenbelt East and West. Also the Research Road gate being closed evenings and weekends. Not sure if we can do anything about that one but accessibility to East and West with better walking and biking trails would be the BEST
- The Beltway noise; rush hour traffic on MD 193
- The popularity of commuters traveling through the area - some turn at too high rate of speed
- The separation of the community by the highways
- The through traffic that drives faster than the posted speed limit. Many people use our roads to go to BW expressway
- Traffic
- Traffic and traffic noise
- Traffic noise from BW Parkway and Beltway. Work with local bicycling groups (e.g., WABA) to improve bicycle lanes and trails
- Traffic on Greenbelt Road

Precinct 6

- Greenbelt Road
- I can hear the Beltway traffic
- Long light on Southway
- There is no bus service to Beltway Plaza. The T-11 does not go there and the Metro is too far away from where I live (Lakewood)

Precinct 8

- Barking dogs in the apartments next door
- Transportation options - especially need for trail from Greenbelt Station neighborhood to Metro

Precinct 13

- Traffic (2 respondents)

Precinct 18

- Aggressive drivers
- Later hours for public transportation

Early Voting

- Bike lanes limited
- Buses coming through the neighborhoods. Having door-to-door service is hardly a "green" concept. People can walk to bus stops on the main roads
- Can be challenging to drive from Greenbelt East to Old Greenbelt
- City cut into pieces by major road
- Commuters cutting through Greenbelt from Greenbelt Road to Kenilworth Avenue and from Kenilworth Avenue up Greenhill Road to Research Road and out to the Government Farm
- Greenbelt gives the impression of "green" initiatives but is not moving in the direction of truly eliminating pesticides; City buses should not be coming through neighborhoods. Those who are elderly or disabled can have curb service but all others should walk to roads like Crescent, etc.
- Highways (Beltway and BW Parkway)
- I dislike that huge road ways have divided our community geographically, and tend to do so socially
- Lack of transportation for people without cars
- Living close to I95
- The increasing traffic
- The lack of an intra-city bus
- Traffic
- Traffic outside Center City
- Transportation can be problematic

Mailed/delivered

- Increasing traffic with incredibly distracted and often rude drivers up and down Greenbelt Road
- Sirens at night
- The increasing heavy traffic

Web

- Despite the walkability, there is a strong sense of entitlement among motorists - speeding, not yielding to pedestrians. Buses that speed through the neighborhood are dangerous
- It's too divided geographically; the bus stops are not well marked, and there aren't enough buses
- Lack of and safety concerns regarding green means of transportation. City should do all it can to encourage walking and bicycling especially for short trips within the City
- The Beltway
- The horrid sprawl and ugly buildings that have developed around Greenbelt's original layout. The two major roads, Greenbelt Rd/193 and Kenilworth/Edmonston/201, plus Hanover Parkway and Cherrywood Lane, all need to be "humanized" with PROTECTED BIKE LANES. Overpasses need to be constructed at crucial points where cyclists and pedestrians need to cross these roads. Greenbelt will NOT be truly connected until this happens. All streets must be useful to all PEOPLE, not just people in cars
- The lack of public transit and the difficulty walking anywhere outside of Old Greenbelt
- The ring of exhaust from all highways and by-ways encircling the City. Now add more lanes
- Too much traffic on 193
- Traffic
- Traffic - this is an area-wide problem
- Traffic is noisy at times
- Unsafe roads, speeding traffic, hard to cross the roads

Economic and Community Development

Precinct 3

- Difficulty engaging especially West Greenbelt, also East Greenbelt. Inability to engage so much private land for storm water/clean water initiatives: Greenway Center and Officer Park, apartments, unincorporated areas
- Encroachment by development; inability to manage zoning
- Few food/restaurant options
- I would like to have a little more commercial activity in the Center City - a few more restaurants, dry cleaning, etc.
- I'd love to see more higher-end establishments at Centerway - i.e., art gallery, cultural hub, bookstore with lectures and book readings
- Insular attitude in Center City
- It is outdated in a lot of aspects. Could use a modernization of infrastructure
- Lack of affordable housing for seniors
- Lack of business diversity in center. I know this is not a "City government" issue, but really we could use more attractive places to eat and shop in the center

- Lack of good restaurants, mostly fast food; lots of trash on paths, everywhere.
Environmental concerns are not taken seriously; development seems to overrule concerns about streams and watershed areas
- Lack of thriving businesses, restaurants - not enough to attract more to come to Greenbelt
- NIMBY to all projects
- No shoe repair shop
- Not enough high-quality restaurants outside the Old Greenbelt Center
- Poor use of proximity to Metro. So much transit-oriented development and potential for growth. This would be good development
- Roosevelt Center not adequately upgraded, utilized. Buy out private business - improve curb appeal marketing, new approach
- Some areas look run down and neglected
- Talk of changes to original town. The charm and convenience of the planned community was what drew me here and what keeps me here
- Too much multi-family housing proposed
- Want more restaurants - Indian, Greek
- We could use a bit more business

Precinct 6

- All the new high-density living buildings. The proposal to make Beltway Plaza into an open shopping center
- Encroaching development
- Gaps in pedestrian and bike infrastructure. Ten years and no change
- GHI owners not keeping up their property
- I wish there were more variety of jobs available. It seems like most of the jobs are in retail and fast food
- Lack of centralized shopping/dining area (feel like current options including Beltway Plaza, Old Town Greenbelt, Greenway Center are difficult to navigate and some are individually comprehensive) - more coffee shops, honestly
- Lack of good restaurants
- The constant additions of new buildings
- The over development in such a small parcel of space
- The overhead power lines - so 19th century. Beltway Plaza
- There seems to be an unexplained need to do more development and building. I disagree with this
- Too much development
- What's the problem with the messy, long-time construction of the dam at Greenbelt Lake

Precinct 8

- Honestly, it is pretty dumpy here. Beltway Plaza could not be more depressing. I go outside the area to shop
- The apartments and rents are increased every year
- The high cost of living via rents. There should be more affordable housing
- The place is almost never clean. I worry about the current community possible being driven out to bring outsiders and outside business in and the opportunities could be better without the uncertainty or a looming presence of gentrification

Precinct 13

- Aging buildings, increasing crime with shift in demographics
- I wish we had a better school system. It needs improvement
- Lack of restaurants (fast food places do not count)
- Not enough single-family houses with fencing, only townhomes, etc. Co-ops are very small
- There are no first class restaurants

Precinct 18

- Beltway Plaza, very outdated and most of the stores aren't very useful. I think it needs to be updated to more reflect the needs of the community
- Greenbelt seems to be allergic to the kinds of changes that Hyattsville has experienced
- More upscale grocery stores
- Not enough healthy food options; lack of commercial space development
- Not enough main name restaurants

Early Voting

- A lot is concentrated around Roosevelt Center - not much for other areas
- Although we have made strides toward sustainability, we still have a long way to go - I think Greenbelt is too complacent about our progress in environmental sustainability which should be everyone's responsibility, not just a few
- Disparity between larger City in Old Greenbelt. Let's beautify the rest of it without gentrification. Landscaping, plants, entice better stores
- I don't hate change but I hate to see commercial entities infringe on Greenbelt and reduce green space. I am against the fast train, it in no way benefits Greenbelt
- Limited affordable housing. The Co-op is nice but not open to all
- Most businesses and 50,000+ or even better 75,000+ jobs available in business centers
- Need more street lamps. Very dark in Greenbelt at night
- New, high-priced construction
- Not enough good restaurants in Roosevelt Center
- Other than the movie theater and the Co-op, the services in Roosevelt Center could all be better. In particular, the food part of the New Deal Cafe is always expensive and not very good (over the course of 13 years)
- The doctors and the banks are not in the center anymore
- The location of Belle Point office park

Mailed/delivered

- I've been renting for 2 years (have an excellent credit record, etc.) and now surprised my rent has hiked \$60 (the most I have ever experienced). I hope I can one day soon afford a Co-op/to have my own home
- Encroaching overdevelopment; Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) interference in Forest Preserve which should be LEFT ALONE

Web

- Disconnect from the Metro Station. Unfriendliness or at least lack of assistance of the City towards small business owners (maybe this is changing with the hiring of an economic development coordinator)
- Few restaurant choices
- Housing costs, lack of good restaurants and shopping
- Lack of development that other cities have encouraged and invested in. There are no good restaurants in Greenbelt. I travel to Montgomery County when I want to go out to dinner
- Lack of good restaurants
- Limited/outdated shopping options force patrons to neighboring cities. Shopping center and food options are lacking
- Living so close to the Beltway and the BW Parkway has its advantages and its drawbacks. I am concerned about some proposed projects (widening of Beltway/BWI Parkway and Maglev) that might threaten Greenbelt's green spaces. While you can't stop development and change, I hope that new housing projects/redevelopment projects are judiciously planned, keeping in mind the impact that creating denser housing and commercial spaces will also bring more traffic and more need for City services. I really feel that development in Old Greenbelt, particularly in the historic area, needs to be limited in order to maintain Greenbelt's historic character. Greenbelt was featured on the PBS program "10 Towns that Changed America." I would hate to see Old Greenbelt and its wooded spaces irrevocably changed or destroyed
- NIMBY attitude toward larger projects with public benefit (e.g., Maglev). Uneven distribution of City services
- Not enough restaurants, but in a way this is a good thing
- Quality of the grocery store, but not a City specific aspect
- That the new development, Greenbelt Parkway Station, is the least concern (it seems). Not many representatives care about the development and its residents. The promised trail to the Metro is still not there 5 years later
- The lack of development in Roosevelt Center
- The lack of upscale retail and restaurant establishments

Sense of Division

Precinct 3

- As a young person I often feel singled out and harassed by older folks
- Cater to the old people not appealing to new residents; very cliquey and dated
- Conservative values; snobbishness
- Could be more diverse
- Divided highways between Greenbelt East, Central and West
- I don't like how Greenbelt says it's progressive but really isn't. For example, the Maglev train debacle. If you were for it it was like you were a terrible horrible person even though supposedly it's way more environmentally friendly. Now with this BARC proposal, Greenbelt can't say NO to all development or every initiative. I want reasonable study and debate and not told to not show up at meetings because I happen to agree with something new

- It's almost seems to be segregated. I hope to see more diversity in Old Greenbelt. I also dislike how older residents resent any changes to what they're used to
- It's divided; Greenbelt East crime is/seems ignored; news and information seems to be focused on Center City and new homes in West
- Lack of a broader, deep community spirit
- Lack of representation and cohesion of non-Center City
- Lacks diversity at least in GHI
- NIMBY-ism people here seem opposed to growth and change, including new development and modes of transportation such as Maglev
- No one welcome but Democrats; no political diversity
- Political leanings/biased sentiments expressed
- Seems as if long-time residents are the only ones "in the know." It's difficult for new people to find information
- Separation between East-Center-West
- Still feel that many older residents are not welcoming, maybe racist, not everyone. For example tonight when I tried to vote the judge was so helpful to the young white female first time voter, however I was next in line and no greeting for me, or mention that the line I was in had closed. I waited patiently to be served and when I asked another judge about the line, she stated, oh there is no line there. Other voters graciously allowed me to go before them in line. I wonder why the first judge did not see me. I felt invisible to her. My frustration is Greenbelt older citizens need cultural diversity training. Greenbelt has the 80/20 problem. 20% of older non-brown citizens cause Greenbelt to still have a negative effect on the rest of the 80% trying to encourage support/harmony
- The fact that we are so segregated still and that GHI has racially discriminatory financial policies. That needs to change if we want to diversify Old Greenbelt
- The segmentation between East/West/Center. The large roads such as 193 that lack infrastructure for anything other than cars

Precinct 6

- Disconnection between three main areas - West, East, Central
- Division into three neighborhoods. Unequal distribution of services, particularly in Greenbelt East. City Council is not representative of all neighborhoods
- Even though I live in Center City and tend to benefit from the City's programs I am concerned that we are "smug" about neat Greenbelt and forget about how diverse we are - things change, but much in Greenbelt doesn't - like the City Council
- Hard to participate with people in the far East or far West areas
- I feel at times that our community is somewhat segregated. I feel like that is especially evident in the makeup of our City Council. We should find ways to make sure everyone, especially lower income and people of color can participate in our community and be represented in our government
- Inequity. I don't believe services are spread evenly among Greenbelt different sections, and I am saddened by the misunderstanding and racism I see in my neighbors. I wish more people could understand what white privilege is, and the discrimination people of color face, or the LBGTQ and community. (I am white and straight)
- Lack of ethnic and cultural diversity in Center City

- The disconnection of East and West Greenbelt. The inattention to the needs of residents in Franklin Park
- The divide between Hispanic immigrants and English-speaking citizens. It just seems like two worlds, not one. Help bring together
- The divide of a bench or benches. Shame on our City
- Very insular

Precinct 8

- Resources are not wisely or equitably distributed. Those with the greatest structural barriers are often further disenfranchised by City Council and Old Greenbelt
- The diversity

Precinct 13

- Division between Old Greenbelt, Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake
- I wish it was more connected like Old Greenbelt
- It can be separated - East, Center, West - sometimes

Precinct 18

- Difficult to overcome geographic divisions to be a unified community
- Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West sometimes feel left out
- Pretentiousness of some segments of it
- Racism is still a problem

Early Voting

- Bifurcation of services between East and West
- Can be pushy if talking about own interests
- Division within communities
- East and West physical division of the City
- Feels like Old Greenbelt is more favored than New Greenbelt
- Greenbelt is going too far to the left and I am a moderate or centralist in its programs
- I don't like the way Greenbelt got chopped up into sections by the building of roads and highways
- Inequality of programs and services in Greenbelt West; residents who don't care/participate in our City; fakeness/not authentic of residents
- Insular in many areas, resistance to change
- It still feels somewhat segregated by race and ethnicity. Maybe this is particularly true in GHI
- Liberalism out of control
- Maybe more connections with folks from different areas of Greenbelt. Guess I need to do more about visiting the areas myself
- NIMBY warriors. The whole Maglev closed mindset has left a bitter taste. Misinformation, anti-science, scare tactics - sounds quite Presidential
- Old Greenbelt residents sometimes forget or know nothing about other parts of Greenbelt
- On some level it still feels somewhat segregated
- Polarization between "old" and new, as a new resident - though you rarely meet this in person

- Sections of Greenbelt residents are left out - must travel to central Greenbelt
- Separateness of the three major neighborhoods - less City amenities in Greenbelt East and West
- The insular nature of Old Greenbelt. There are a lot more things going on in Greenbelt besides Old Greenbelt. There are a lot of racist and bigoted people in Old Greenbelt
- The way many in Central/Old Greenbelt (which includes me) "ice out" those from other parts of the City or don't consider them as part of the community
- Too many liberals

Web

- A bit insular at times, especially for new residents
- Angry voices on social media
- Center City seems standoff-ish to people of color
- Center, East and West are not really connected. Bad rep of West part
- Complainers who don't participate in attempts to remedy or improve situations
- Division because of Route 193 and Kenilworth Ave
- I fear it's a little too insular and Old Greenbelt tends to be pretty white and maybe not as welcoming as I had hoped to people of color
- If you don't live in Old Greenbelt, you aren't treated as a true member of the community. Council only seems to care about the other areas during the election cycle. And this cycle, since there is no competition, they haven't cared about us in the slightest
- Insularity in Center City
- It is a closed community that doesn't accept change and/or innovation
- NIMBYism and anti-development bias have kept Greenbelt from attracting higher income residents and businesses, and negatively impacted property values and City revenues
- Old Greenbelt/GHI too disconnected from the rest of the City
- Preference to Greenbelt City and East
- Racism
- Some people seem to think they are entitled to everything
- Split by interstate and the parkway makes it hard to have one unified group
- That our diversity, which is a great strength, is not fully appreciated by all and some communities within the City are underrepresented in City government and programs
- The blatant intolerance of conservatives among the citizenry
- The casual racism of some parts of GHI
- The elitist attitude of many Old Greenbelters
- The seeming divide between the different parts of Greenbelt. I live in Greenbelt Station and as our community grows, we'd like to be more connected to/with the rest of the City. We have a growing number of residents and families and we have to make sure our children can attend Greenbelt area schools and avail of the many services that the City offers.
Thanks
- The way Old Greenbelt (GHI) residents think they are the only Greenbelt and make others feel not welcome or that we are second class
- Too much nostalgia can be counterproductive
- Very slow to change; does not recognize the new added neighborhood as one of their own. Focused on the past

Crime/Public Safety

Precinct 3

- Automobiles racing through the City, especially on Ridge Road
- Crime
- The neighborhood watch. Sexless old men harass people walking through the center
- There are a lot of speeders

Precinct 6

- Concern with possible criminal activity
- There is still some crime and juvenile disturbances
- Speed cameras
- Increasing crime
- Crime in Springhill Lake area

Precinct 8

- Drugs, crime rates rising
- I don't always feel safe walking around lots of drug use in apartment complex and men harassing women on streets
- Police responsiveness
- Unsafe in parks at night

Precinct 13

- Car theft; when students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School loiter in residential buildings
- Everything here I like but if I had to choose it would be that meetings aren't frequent about guns, loud neighbors and drugs in Greenbriar
- Greenway Shopping Center - do not feel safe; on weekends do not like to be approached by Jehovah Witnesses in parking lot
- Increase in crime/shootings in Greenbriar Condominiums
- The crime is concerning
- The violence

Precinct 18

- Crime
- People walking with unleashed dogs
- Police parking in fire lane to get Starbucks coffee. They park on the lot to watch porn
- Recent gun shots in Greenbelt East. I am afraid this indicates overall changes that are not for the better
- Rumors of crime
- There has been an increase in drug activity and violent crime

Early Voting

- Competition in dealing with sprawl and the loss of a true feeling of safety especially closer to the Center City
- Crime (2 respondents)

- Fear for safety
- Feeling as though I'm on an island, surrounded by urban crime. It makes me not want to venture out of GHI
- Increase in crime and homelessness
- Increase in theft and no enforcement for parking violations. Need to enforce neighbors - properly place trash in plastic bags. Keep dogs on leashes
- Increasing crime
- Low police visibility or presence in the community. Little or no respect or obedience of postings - stop signs, crosswalks, no smoking, etc.
- Not enough police presence at times
- Old Greenbelt feels safe. Never feels very safe out of Old Greenbelt
- Safety and law enforcement issues (crime)
- The police force. The police do not enforce driving laws
- Too much crime; too many poor blacks who want revenge
- Trash along major roadways; automobile crime

Mailed/delivered

- Police cameras monitoring the center. A homeless woman was assaulted by police on Community Center ground/beach
- Some cops follow around people for no good reason
- Some stores in center could use update; Sunoco break-in/robberies; some areas outside of Center City far less safe

Web

- Crime near Eleanor Roosevelt High School
- Hearing about crime outside of GHI
- Increase drug activities and violent crimes
- Low income areas cause crime
- The crime
- The terrible place that has become Franklin Park or Springhill Lake or whatever it's called. There's a lot of crime going on there and our resources are being wasted trying to keep that area safe

Leadership/Governance/Taxes

Precinct 3

- Don't have Council term limits
- High City taxes on top of county, state and federal taxes
- Little turnover on City Council. Maybe have a limit of how long someone can serve
- High taxes
- Lack of new faces on City Council. Unwillingness to make the changes in meeting schedules. The overall way they do business that would allow more diverse people to have time to serve on it
- Taxes, unrealistic political goals of the most vocal members
- The board has stayed the same too long and needs new blood

Precinct 6

- People who complain about taxes and think we should cut the wonderful services that make Greenbelt Greenbelt. Excellence costs money
- We are so self-consciously politically correct

Precinct 8

- Taxes are a bit high

Precinct 13

- High taxes

Precinct 18

- Taxes

Early Voting

- City Council - We need a change (even their clothes are the same). Maybe alternate elections - four one time and three the next
- City Council meetings are inefficiently run and disengaged. Need a better grievance process to make meetings more time efficient and useful.
- Co-op dues keep rising but don't see any other way to manage
- High taxes but need taxes to pay for services
- I dislike having someone else's views guide policy when my own needs and those of my family are limited as a result. I recognize that we have a diverse population. That includes liberals and conservatives of all faiths or no faith at all. Fortunately our leaders are careful to acknowledge this but I wish all citizens would do the same
- I dislike the way the City assumes the homeowners should subsidize all the "activities." Enough already. I'm not working full time to pay for everyone else's recreation
- Personnel system lacks prompt refunds for good employees
- Steep property taxes
- Taxes are high
- Taxes way too high
- Taxes. Form of City government. Favoring select City employees. Secret Council meetings
- The anti-business attitude of the City Council
- The taxes are incredibly high, on top of incredibly high condominium fees with a negative increase or a decline in property value since I purchased my condominium in 2005. My property taxes and condominium fees have each doubled since I purchased my condo, however my condominium is worth 20% less than I purchased it

Mailed/delivered

- Taxes too high and get no free service

Web

- High taxes
- Invasive laws
- Old Greenbelt view that they are superior to other parts of Greenbelt; we don't have much money is an excuse for almost every question I ask; lack of creativity to solve problems; outdated ways of connecting/signing up/etc.
- Prince George's County feels like an albatross, not a support. How can we urge County government to be more supportive and responsive, less autocratic and imposing?
- Taxes. Seems stuck in the past with approach and not business friendly. More focused on status quo than exploring new options
- The exclusion of Greenbelt West from Greenbelt services and activities
- The spending of tax dollars is not being allocated wisely. City officials need to be more judicious in allocating their limited resources to issues concerning infrastructure such as streets, sidewalks, playgrounds, security cameras, etc.

Multiple/Miscellaneous Dislikes

Precinct 3

- At times it feels old and antiquated
- Bamboo hanging into my parking space
- Bias and lack of tolerance to all divergent political views; insufficient programs for young seniors - 55-72
- Center - no smoking signs - a joke speeding on Ridge Road
- Chain-link fences; smoking in Roosevelt Center
- Crime and that the GHI and Old Greenbelt Community like to say they are diverse and accepting but the area is still mainly older, white people who are often not welcoming of minorities. I've been asked several times if I am a "cleaning lady" simply because I'm Latina. Also seems to be a very reactive "no" to any talk of change
- Crime; incoming BPI and Maglev rail and higher density housing
- Downtown is too "white"
- Encroaching crime, schools
- Expansion has made inclusiveness difficult
- GHI not following common sense rules
- GHI's poor stewardship of its National Historic Landmark properties; the fact that the City Council rarely changes
- Hard to get to Metro without driving. Not enough lighting and people to feel safe walking or riding bike to Metro. Not walkable outside of Center City. Would like to see all of Greenbelt better connected
- High GHI Co-op fees - housing less affordable than when I moved in 1996; parking on street for residents without off street parking difficult at times especially in bad weather/busy times
- High taxes; vagrants smoking in Roosevelt Center all day
- Hmmm....gossip

- I have been harassed by GHI Beautification Program. Yes, it was harassment, not paranoid. They kept giving me a low rating then and even now I am fighting breast cancer and even hiring people out of pocket to do my yard work. Residents compliment me but GHI, getting plenty of money from me on time
- I would like the City to be more unified - all parts I think community events help with this but the best thing could be to have the City support its schools even more. I'd like more residents to trust the public schools. Could move City businesses and programs start more partnerships with our schools? The schools are central and fundamental to our community
- Increasing crime; some traffic problems and dangerous roads and intersections; poor bike way system in many areas
- It is no one's fault, but I do dislike the biting fly swarms that often gather
- It's not very walkable. Sidewalks are inconsistent and just suddenly end between one block and another. It's hard to walk everywhere that requires crossing Greenbelt Road, for instance, or that requires walking along it. Crossing Greenbelt Road near the Greenway Center is particularly hard. Especially the blind corner where people exit the Parkway
- Mostly GHI fee; threat of crime; forcing poorer members out by HIP; threat of BARC of BEG; threat to woods of Maglev train
- Need more racial interaction
- No parking for guests
- Not enough parking for some of the GHI courts (on-street)
- Not enough reaching out to their surrounding community to let them see how a strong community looks like. Incentivize high school youth to duplicate this type of community through home projects, etc.
- Old Greenbelt/New Greenbelt divide; not enough development around Metro; not enough good restaurants
- Over-policing; not enough public transit
- Part-time staff are not adequately recognized for their years of service. Crime
- People griping online Facebook
- Police dispatchers need to be better trained; aquatic center is poorly managed; J. Sterling for President
- Property taxes, traffic
- Restrictions on yard beautification items not allowed
- Should dredge the lake when we have opportunity
- That the Metro bus has limited service in Greenbelt on weekend; that sometimes we are gossipy and rude (small-town); that there aren't enough programs for teens age 15-18
- The mediocrity that permeates almost everything
- The old people, and pretty much anyone who goes to the New Deal Cafe. AKA, the opps
- The way major roads fracture the City; areas outside center are not easily walkable and bikeable; lack of ethnic restaurants
- There aren't many large activities besides everyday events. Also, pay here isn't too great for those working in Greenbelt
- Too many deer
- Uneven sidewalks
- West Greenbelt's apartment management (Franklin Park) and City Council complacency

Precinct 6

- Crime in unplanned areas, lack of decent restaurants, poor schools
- Drainage issues with housing/red clay by home
- I think the Greenbelters Facebook page is a bad idea and shows the worst in people
- It's too bad that Springhill Lake (or whatever it's called now) is so cut off from Greenbelt. The major highway really carves up the City. Surrounding traffic is often a mess. We are saturated with development and there are various impending threats of more development
- Liberals
- No complaints. Would love to see our City become more integrated/representative of Prince George's County. That said, I love how Cosmopolitan Greenbelt is (many world citizens)
- Places where sidewalks disappear; racist attitudes among some citizens and civil servants
- Rules
- Traffic; when I no longer can stay in my four-bedroom house I will have to move from Greenbelt
- Weird bureaucratic quirks

Precinct 8

- Crime, shoddy businesses, lack of development of high-end housing and commerce
- It is a very busy area, schools, and other public services
- Franklin Park lacks nice playgrounds, crosswalks, sidewalks, and limited recycling. Local school is terrible
- Mice and roaches in my apartment

Precinct 13

- HOA rules
- High rental expenses; congestion
- City not trying to help the youth. Too much gun shots at night
- Crowding and traffic

Precinct 18

- School boundaries
- How they do not take care of vacant properties. Tall grass, trees not trimmed, broken glass doors, etc.
- Narrow streets
- The schools have really gone down the drain, especially the middle school. The kids are really bad and they don't do a good job of separating brighter students from the kids with behavioral and educational setbacks. The school is also bursting at the seams and starting to be unable to meet the kids needs

Early Voting

- (Ugly Greenbelt Road) Greenbelt does not look welcoming
- Barking dogs and the owners who refuse to do anything about them, even after they have been contacted by Officer Channers
- Becoming rigid in rejection of progress

- Car-centered development; street lights shining through my windows (light pollution)
- Close to things and people I know and love
- Crime - mostly outside Center City; difficulty walking to Safeway because of traffic patterns
- Danger of trying to use crosswalks (walking) across Greenbelt Road and Route 201; poor cell phone service
- Deteriorating center structure; lack of community; clean our priceless statues already
- Drake
- Everything
- GHI homes look frumpy
- Hard to access University of Maryland night classes
- Highway noise at night. GHI regulations are mostly reasonable, but they are randomly enforced. Parts have a run-down feeling
- Home reserve parking, some neighbors still just don't get it. These families or friends are always in our reserve space and we have to tell them not to park in our space
- I never cease to be shocked at the police report each week in the News Review. I know the City is doing more to engage the folks in Greenbelt East and West. I do think they are underrepresented on the City Council
- I wish Center City had more diverse demographics
- I wish there was more interaction/sense of community among East/West/Central. This is improving. Walking/bike paths along Greenbelt Road would help a lot. Also Greenbelt Road needs development ala Route One in Hyattsville
- Increasing sense of segmentation in "parts" of Greenbelt and growth (Beltway Plaza) plans as mixed use
- It is predominantly black, but the participation in most activities is mostly white
- Lack of insulation in walls
- Lack of unity among Greenbelt East, Greenbelt West, and historic Central Greenbelt. Lack of single-level living (for us old folks) in historic Greenbelt
- Lawn police's randomness in handing out citations from one house to the next
- Need more younger folks
- Neighborhood is changing and not in a good way. More inconsiderate people are moving in Greenbelt East. It is not as quiet as it used to be
- Not enough focus - activity/event/resources-wise on teens and young adults; bike paths don't safely connect Old to West Greenbelt
- People smoking in building hallways; bad customer service; people don't put leash on their pets
- Racism - we've got work to do here
- Suicides, smokers (Thanks for increasing non-smoking areas), crime at Sunoco
- The focus on historic Greenbelt is all of the City
- The hostile takeover of the Greenbelt Theatre by a small group with an agenda
- Too many activities centered in Center City. Need district representation
- Too many dog owners allow their dogs to bark in their backyard with no regard for their neighbors. Since there are so many dogs in Greenbelt, when one barks, it sets off those nearby. How about some consideration for your neighbors who just want some peace when they are in their own yards
- Too many dogs
- Uncooperative neighbors. No team spirit

- Very spread out. Schools are not the best (elementary and middle only)
- Walkability (hard in some areas)
- Where I live the rent is high and the maintenance is poor
- Would love community Wi-Fi. Frustrated at absentee landlord for Roosevelt Center. What efforts could Greenbelt citizens undertake to gently but firmly get that landlord to sell the property to the City

Mailed/delivered

- A liberal idealist is like a person with mental IQ delusional
- Crime; high taxes; pit bulls and breeds - sometimes dog(s) block entrance to businesses
- Not enough variety of nearby restaurants. Too much marijuana smoking in public areas (I even smelled it when I went to vote!) with poor police enforcement of exposing unconsenting people to its effects/smoke
- Property taxes are too high. The deer and ground hogs have destroyed my landscaping and they are also dangerous to be around and health issues with ticks. I have talked to three (3) Council members and other agencies and was informed nothing can be done. I am a senior with Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) and it is very alarming when I open my garage door and a deer is standing and walking at me. I have had as many as ten (10) in my yard at one time
- Residential (private) room rentals need to be controlled and monitored. Lease agreements need to be supervised. Include City phone number for tenants to complain about harassment
- The racism. Lack of equality in services

Web

- Dogs barking
- High property taxes. Not reasonable if compared to the options offered in College Park/University Park. Greenbelt West not being pedestrian friendly
- I feel like my community is somewhat segregated from the other parts of the community. I also think the taxes are too high and we lack real economic development. I see other areas growing with new businesses coming in, for example, Hyattsville. We need some business redevelopment to attract more residents, reduce taxes, etc.
- I wish there was more racial diversity in the GHI/Old Greenbelt area -- it seems like the vast majority of my neighbors are white and I am not sure why that is. And it would be nice if there was a good coffee shop that was open in the morning. But honestly I really like it here -- besides the long commute it is pretty great
- My frustrations are mainly with the County and how it continues to lag behind Montgomery, Fairfax, etc., and I know that is still largely due to racism. I would like to have more solid job opportunities and higher quality retail nearby than the County is currently able to attract
- Prince George's County Public Schools. Needs to be more bike and pedestrian friendly
- Renting of single-family homes to multiple unrelated adults. Irresponsible parents. Excessive signage at entry points. Open trash receptacles in parks allowing squirrels to pull out and distribute trash. Inadequate number of pulls at recycling center. Irresponsible dog owners

- Some people are out of touch -- they don't seem to understand how the world works outside of Greenbelt (i.e., how much certain services cost)
- Speeding drivers running stop signs. Dogs running off leash
- The City is not as bikeable as I would like. I would like to see more independent restaurants and perhaps a microbrewery
- The property taxes; the crime

Improvements to the City or City Programs

3. Are there any improvements to City or new City Programs you would suggest?

Note that a number in parentheses after a response indicates how many individuals gave that same response.

No/None

Precinct 3

- Better at what is currently provided; no new ones. Need major improvements in traffic control; better control of speeders, more pedestrian support. Bike paths clearly designated
- None
- Not at my age
- Unclear

Precinct 8

- I am not sure at the moment as I cannot comment on anything right now

Precinct 13

- No Comment
- None

Precinct 18

- No idea at this time
- None

Early Voting

- Don't know enough to help here
- No opinion
- None (2 respondents)
- None at this time
- Not sure

Mailed/delivered

- None

Web

- I can't think of anything offhand
- No recommendations

Public Safety

Precinct 3

- A safe way to walk across 193
- Bike lanes (separated)
- May need to add speed bumps to streets like Southway
- More careful planning of stop sign locations on the sidewalk/curb of corners of Ridge Road and Gardenway (need to place signs on curb - sidewalk areas not in yard areas); signs not visible to drivers - much danger for cars driving through, handicapped vehicles, baby carriages, elderly and school children. Honking, shouting and near accident misses prevail
- More transit. More bike/foot police. Safer biking/walking (too much aggressive driving; poor road design; need a road diet)
- Replace the sign for northbound Southway indicating which way to the Parkway. It has been missing since it blew down during a storm event
- Skate park area needs better supervision, accidents very likely, nobody wears a helmet
- Speed bumps on roads to slow traffic down

Precinct 6

- Better lighting along sidewalks and trails
- Continue to study how to reduce those who create or commit crimes. I wish others feel as safe as I do
- I would like to see the police near GES and children's bus stops to enforce speeding and traffic laws. Or the City install more things to calm/control traffic, near GES and on Crescent Road. (The speed bump at the crosswalk at GES was a good move - thank you)
- More police visibility
- On Greenhill Road a speed bump should be installed. Many people speed up and down the street
- Remove speed cameras, install more traffic lights, stop signs, crosswalks/sidewalks
- Safer bike paths

Precinct 13

- Better communication of emergency events or incidents like increase in crime/shootings in Greenbriar condominiums
- Independent board for problem employees - abuse of power; criminal behavior affecting citizens to allow reporting; addressing problems and solutions/adjudication. Police have no "internal affairs." Police do not investigate any City employees within Police Department or other departments if crime committed by employee. No "advisory board" for this issue. County police also cannot investigate within the City. Need MOU on this to fix gaps, due to lack of training and/or lack of jurisdiction
- More police presence
- More sidewalk (or a crosswalk) for pedestrians going to/from BP Station on Southway to Greenbelt Road (at Parkway entrance)

Precinct 18

- Safety around traffic circles during winter
- Set speed camera on Hanover Parkway

Early Voting

- Any endeavors that would make Centerway safe to walk at night
- Have more police on bicycles
- Improve bicycle safety and traffic enforcement for bikes
- Increase public safety initiatives
- Increased police presence near the Center City due to increased crime
- Law enforcement - remind the community at various events of their legal responsibility to obey the laws (signs that are posted)
- More lighting at all intersections especially where people are running to catch a bus
- More police meet and greet the community more often
- More police presence around the lake
- Please do something about the intersection of Legion Drive and Lakecrest Drive. It is so dangerous
- Please light trails better
- Recommend increase police foot patrols in problematic neighborhoods

Web

- Would love more attention to bike trails and bike lanes. It is scary to ride a bike in much of Greenbelt

Economic and Community Development

Precinct 3

- Affordable housing at the armory area. If Planet Fitness can operate 24/7 for \$10 fee, why not aquatic center
- Business development. I feel that some on the Council are anti-business and this is a short-sighted approach
- Community building in all neighborhoods
- Connecting neighbors at Block 2 neighborhood level; low interest loan program for home improvements and a community development corporation to lead sensitive development that preserves and advances
- Explore how to make GHI more diverse by expanding financial opportunities
- Greater focus and development in West Greenbelt
- I would include Greenbelt West and Greenbelt East in the benefits that Central City receives
- If there has to be development, keep it out of the Center City and encourage a higher quality of retail development than we have had in the past
- Increase new development, renovate and update the Roosevelt Center to include mixed-use development; raze and redevelop Springhill Lake and Beltway Plaza
- Make sure Co-op grocery remains; otherwise more services will be needed to get to a grocery store
- More promotion of City as a business center; more trails especially to Metro
- Re-build Old Greenbelt, add more business
- The City should annex several hundred acres of field and forest currently in BARC along the City's northern boundary to protect the view-shed and the property values of homes in that section of town

- Try to get more stores at the Old Center
- Without losing the nostalgia and character, offer quality, unique services to attract revenue outside of Greenbelt; better restaurants, bakery, salons, etc.

Precinct 6

- Do not build any more. The traffic outside GHI is congested
- Limit development

Precinct 8

- Finish trail from Greenbelt Station to the Greenbelt Metro Station
- Have more residences available for senior and those on fixed income
- I would dedicate more money to the community, providing better homes, environments, and job opportunities for the people who currently live here
- Improve Beltway Plaza and approve added townhomes
- Modernize like they are doing in Hyattsville. Attract more artists
- Work with Greenbelt Station residents and the developers to build the Metro path and fulfill the promise you all have made to support for years; bring more development/incentives for businesses to start in the area

Precinct 18

- Beltway Plaza, very outdated and most of the stores aren't very useful. I think it needs to be updated to more reflect the needs of the community
- Improvements to aquatic center building; needs updated/renovations; clean up roads (trash); better lighting at shopping centers
- Make Greenbelt Mall more modern
- Since the three sections of the City are geographically disparate, develop a greater sense of community in the other two sections, like is found in Center City
- The better care of vacant properties
- To be more business friendly and more economic development
- Trash cans at all bus stops. I feel that Beltway Plaza would do well to evaluate Hyattsville's growth but with better parking

Early Voting

- A Trader Joe's
- Encourage businesses, especially restaurants, to come here. Support the redevelopment of Beltway Plaza
- Find a place to allow Makers Space back to Roosevelt Center. I am very disappointed that the theater drove them out (against their desires). They were very helpful and useful to have. Bring back board games at the youth center
- Fully explore establishing an economic development corporation for the Roosevelt Center
- Greenbelt East doesn't get the attention or money that Center City gets. More money should be funneled to Greenbelt East and the improvements to Shrom Hills Park are very nice, keep improving the trails in that park
- Help revive Makers Space
- I am working to get another senior apartment building
- Seniors need a place to move to, so that more homes are available to families

- The Beltway Plaza Mall needs help and Old Greenbelt needs a face lift too
- They need to improve with the parking

Mailed/delivered

- Encourage development of appropriate housing for seniors to remain in Greenbelt

Web

- I would like to see more food trucks in the City
- I would love the City to be involved in having senior housing (like Greenridge House) for moderate income seniors. There are a lot of retired federal employees here that don't qualify for Greenridge House due to income limits there
- If Greenbelt is determined to be community-oriented, I recommend looking at Del Ray, VA (Alexandria – Mt.Vernon Rd) as a model to plan for the City. Consider encouraging local businesses (shops, eateries) to set up shop here and consider routing the traffic on 193 to other routes. Make this a destination not just for those to pass by. Invest in its school system and people
- Improvements to Greenway Center and Beltway Plaza. It is my understanding that there are plans for Beltway Plaza which would include new housing and retail
- Increase efforts to attract businesses with appeal to less value-conscious shoppers. Increase outreach to bring new residents from D.C. (from all income levels)
- More economic development
- More senior housing! Possibly an assisted-living facility, even a life-care facility. Greenbelt is losing many long-time and productive residents to places such as Riderwood and Collington. Probably would not be City-owned, but would be a great community development project
- No more family dwellings. We're getting crowded
- Update Roosevelt Center, keeping with the nostalgia, but offering unique places of business (more really good restaurants like New Deal Cafe and Cedars of Lebanon) that will draw in patrons from surrounding areas to eat, buy groceries, attend community activities, and go to the movies

Other Public Services/Infrastructure

Precinct 3

- Address solo aging
- Citywide composting would be a great addition goal for a carbon-neutral City government
- Easier access to work/shopping/dining via walking and public transportation
- Get more grants (government and private) to finance the excellent grass-root services to the elderly, dementia folks who are young and old
- Highway noise barriers
- I would like to see bus shelters at every bus stop as well as trash and recycling cans
- Include a Community Center lounge for all ages
- Increased tree maintenance and replanting
- More mentoring programs
- More pedestrian and bicycle bridges/tunnels

- More recycling bins in the area. (Some way to get people to clean up trash they do find)
- Moving yard waste collection from Friday to Monday - most residents do their yard work on the weekends
- Order more chairs with cushions for activities in Community Center/other City events especially for seniors. Place animal shelter/animal control officers high on list of priorities - given the amount of time Animal Control Supervisor position has been vacant and they have been short staffed, Animal Control clearly doesn't appear to be getting the attention deserved. Also, Public Works doesn't provide some attention to shelter/area of shelter than other facilities and areas receive. For many out-of-towners visiting the shelter to adopt is their 1st experience with Greenbelt
- Preservation of and improvement of green spaces
- Push green initiatives harder
- Recycling and refuse - needs more staff and/or increased pay. Services in GHI for refuse and recycling limited compared to single family homes
- Replace the cherry trees that were original to City where possible
- There needs to be more assistance in the areas of food, nutrition, transportation and overall support for non-senior residents with disabilities. There are fewer disabled residents than seniors, yet we are constantly excluded from programs. All programs for seniors should be available to disabled adults also
- Training programs for unemployed people

Precinct 6

- Better street cleaning on bike routes
- Dog park in Old Greenbelt due to large concentration of dogs (separate small dogs from large dogs)
- Expanded animal control hours
- I like the idea of a co-operatively owned internet service provider that would be affordable to everyone including low-income people
- Improve cleanliness of Aquatic and Fitness Center - locker rooms are often dirty
- Improve walkability near Center City and across from BP Station
- Need to work to engage public in sustainability efforts
- Needs more connectivity between Old Greenbelt and rest of Greenbelt
- Provide large recycling bins/cans to GHI residents as some of us have large families
- We need better local public transportation

Precinct 8

- Community compost option; more walking/bike trails
- Green initiatives
- Homeless services - transport, food, and clothing
- Improve public parking

Precinct 13

- Cutting of grass during summer by community workers especially for retirees and elderly
- Cutting of grass for tenants for the elderly and retirees
- Include the townhouse development Cora Glen - Windsor Green in more City services. We have to pay for a lot of things through our homeowner fees

- New babysitting course program needs to be implemented. Very disappointed with outcome and no jobs for my daughter

Precinct 18

- Continue to improve landscaping and cleaning
- Faster snow cleanup so I can go to work
- Greenbelt needs a better bicycle lane system

Early Voting

- A few more new wooden benches around the lake - a few around/near the dam and spillway (in particular)
- Better maintenance of Greenbelt Cemetery; open more space for cemetery use
- Curbside pick-up of recycling and compost
- Fix conditions and temperature at the pool
- Greenbelt Road should be the tie that holds the City together but instead it is a barrier and not attractive or economically pulling its weight. Long-term plan for area of and around Beltway Plaza with connections between West Greenbelt and the rest of the City needed
- I hate to say it but I think we need more volunteer trash pickups at the lake park and the woods
- Install cell towers for better cell service, especially interested in 5G small towers, when available
- It would be nice if the trails system in East and West Greenbelt were expanded to the level of Greenbelt Center; a pedestrian bridge across I-495 to Greenbelt National Park
- More bridges/tunnels connecting East, West, North, South
- More capital improvement to the Community Center. Rewiring, better chairs and heating system. Also better personnel running the place
- More efforts to bring segments, populations together (as in the United Greenbelt Walk)
- More EV charging stations
- More trails in Greenbelt East connecting communities; lake in Greenbelt East being dredged and improved
- Municipal broadband, please. We all get lousy service from our ISPs and pay out the nose for it. Greenbelt could do it better, fairer and more affordably. We could lead Maryland in this. It's a small City - scale solution we could actually implement and let's do it right - no "public/private partnerships" - fully done by the City. Maintaining a private profit motive hurts Greenbelt residents
- On Crescent Road near Lake - Buddy Attick Park - an official white line painted crosswalk
- Recycling programs are outstanding - is it possible to add further styrofoam recycling or additional frequency for that and electronics recycling
- Sidewalk improvement, more, well-maintained
- Sidewalks where needed
- USPS stamps vending machine
- We should work on improving the trails with the new lake area nearby the Greenbelt Metro

Mailed/delivered

- Better coordination between GHI and the City, including reducing duplication (in permitting, for example, or sidewalk maintenance). Sometimes I think that GHI residents are paying twice for the same or similar services
- Better library hours or a study hall for adults and kids
- Continued attention to aging-in-place
- How about eliminating tons of bamboo plants along Ridge Road bike trails before the lake areas
- Please replace the invasive Bradford pear trees around the high school with native trees and use native species in municipal landscaping. Our community should be stewards of biodiversity wherever possible

Web

- Circulator bus to connect all areas of City to the Center, and to Metro Station
- City-wide broadband
- Complete trail from Greenbelt Station to Metro; add/improve lighting on Greenbelt West trails; complete sidewalk along road to Lake Artemesia (sidewalk currently ends at Greenbelt Station bridge and does not connect to College Park sidewalk)
- Dog park should be built in Center City area for walkability from GHI
- Expand public transportation and bike paths
- I would love to see curbside compost pick-up
- More continuous sidewalks and bike lanes
- Protected BIKE LANES and bikeways throughout the City, connecting all parts of Greenbelt
- Public Works to help maintain the bike lanes; build more bike and walking trails between parts of the City; maintain the trees and more trees along the streets for shade and traffic calming
- Push more solar/alternative/co-generation energy programs; encourage more electric vehicles and increase the number and broader placement of charging stations
- Randomize the times street cleaners do a particular street to maximize the chances that all areas will eventually be cleaned. Put the school bus stops at the park areas so the homeowners don't have the damage and trash from the daily groups of unsupervised children
- Removal and replacement of dead/dying trees could be ramped up

Recreation

Precinct 3

- Disc Golf Tour
- Improvement to athletic fields and parks; improvement to outdoor basketball court area by youth center. This is center of our facilities and should look nicer
- More activities for teens/groups that are better advertised/funded
- More classes for preschoolers in the summer. There is a drought for those younger than 3
- More senior events and outings maybe trips to other states
- More support of Greenbelt Museum and its activities
- Perhaps an expansion of museum hours? I can think of little else

- Please continue to fund FONDCA and other arts programs. More public art
- Regular classes offered more often
- The Recreation Department and the City have been promising for at least two years to draw pickleball lines on courts 7 and 8 at Braden Field. Told by Recreation Department it was in the budget. Not done yet - frustrating to say the least
- We have so many seniors and not so much for them to do
- Weight room at Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center is too warm

Precinct 6

- Better maintenance of sports fields; place some in Greenbelt West. Also build another full size (90 feet) baseball field
- I would like to see more and better art classes and senior classes
- It would be great to have a silk screening class
- Need drop-in play area for pre-school kids during winter and inclement weather - some sort of indoor playground
- Senior programs
- The aquatics center is way too rigid in its policy that out-of-towners are limited on weekends. My adult daughter who grew up in this town is unable to use the pool on her visits because her family of four is too many. Be flexible

Precinct 13

- Computer programs for seniors
- Meet up socials for adults
- More arts and painting programs
- More multicultural events; more advertisement of what is going on here
- More programs for youth and young adults

Precinct 18

- Athletic fields are substandard and inadequate
- I would like to see more marketing/use of the museum

Early Voting

- A great improvement would be comfortable seating and tables for clients in the Community Center. The metal folding chairs should have been recycled decades ago. I think I hear more complaints about this than almost anything else - outstanding shows and events with terrible audience comfort
- Activities for persons with disabilities, i.e., blind
- Add foreign language classes to Community Center schedule
- Additional programs that encourage all parts of the City to visit other, less visited sections
- After school activities for high school students
- I live on Ridge Road between an apartment building and Co-op (Crescent, Southway and Ridge); as younger families move in the park needs to be improved. There is no swing facility for small children. I have brought this up before to no avail

- I think the senior programs should be looked at and notice how a lot of them have been reduced in participation due to no "new" ideas. We need help to keep our seniors interested and busy
- Improvement in senior programming - specifically trips outside of Greenbelt
- More activities like the walk through all the different neighborhoods to unify the City
- More programs for disabled/or offer the senior programs to those with disabilities- that would work too
- More programs/classes/camps/events for teens and young adults
- More public art throughout the City
- Please bring back the "Miss Greenbelt" pageant to the Labor Day Festival
- Provide more recreation space in West Greenbelt; with new development get some open space for play and classroom access - especially in Beltway Plaza redevelopment; negotiate with school system for use of their ball fields and classroom space (after hours and weekends)
- Recreation programs for persons with disabilities and other special needs
- Senior recreation has diminished greatly since Haseley left. We go to Toby's Dinner Theater every season for last two years. Sick of it. Haseley spoiled us with many interesting day trips and sometimes overnight trips. Other senior programs in other towns are more attentive to seniors
- The senior programs have GREATLY decreased, especially safety issues. Going on bus trips without Becky or for non-senior designate is not good. Last two trips to Toby's was in a bus with no shocks - bad for back. If someone falls or has a health issue no one with the City authority is there to assist

Web

- Add museum staff
- Good use of the new GBS park - place for young children to play outside, fitness equipment to work out, etc.
- Greenbelt has tons of free/subsidized programming for children and a good amount of free/subsidized programming for seniors. What about those in the middle - the people who are currently paying taxes and don't have programming offered to them?
- Let recreation continue to use the former adult care center part of the Community Center for classes and summer camps
- More education programs that involved thinking for seniors rather than arts and crafts. More access for SAGE classes in Old Greenbelt particularly in the mid-to-later afternoon
- More free fitness classes. Maybe a boot camp or a park run
- More weekend and evening activities to help working parents. Get new neighborhoods involved and recognized
- More weekend classes
- Official new parents activities rather than parent-led, unofficial activities
- Pre-K and children-oriented activities and events
- Visitors Center
- Weekend programs in Greenbelt Station (or anywhere in Greenbelt) considering toddler/preschool schedules of working parents (9-11am and 3-6pm available). It seems like anything run on weekends is 1-3 (nap time) or later in the evening. More drop-in opportunities in Old Greenbelt on weekends (open gym, music classes, art classes etc.)

Multiple and Miscellaneous

Precinct 3

- A SAT prep class for teenagers. A get ready for college - seminar for students. Programs that work to get generations and groups of people to work and talk with each other to combat the divisions which we have seen grow over the last four years
- Advanced measures to remove graffiti by vandalism. More police patrol
- Allow beekeeping; hives in the gardens by GHI
- Better common space clean up and maintenance (leaves, weeds, trash); traffic cameras to encourage stopping at stop signs
- Better lighting, better crosswalk to cross 193. More trash cans in public places, community-wide trash cleanups - including children and teens
- Better social media - Instagram and use of IGTV. Facebook use of FB Live. Consolidate and redundant versus a little everywhere
- Connect the Greenbelts. Extend walkability beyond central Greenbelt
- Continue or complete sidewalks where needed. Install cameras at busy intersections, e.g., Southway and Ridge, Crescent and Southway - drivers often do not yield to pedestrians or drive aggressively. Pave the lake trail to make it wheelchair accessible
- Continue to reduce trees that encroach on power lines. Expand BW Parkway from Beltway to Laurel (3 lanes)
- District City Council
- Eventually get back to the level of great service we had for seniors before some people left and retired
- Give more opportunity and love to Greenbelt West
- Greenbelt employees do a great job. The only suggestion I can think of is for fewer City trucks to drive on the path around the lake and the path along the tennis courts
- Have a City Master Plan for the future
- Higher quality recreation programming/activities. More native meadows; make Northwoods trails usable
- Improve the road system; assure a police presence in all areas; work more closely with neighboring communities on roads, trails, bike ways, etc.
- Investigate required use of recycle of plastics in any/all future planning contracts; fix sidewalks and streets so wheelchairs and cyclists have real access
- Less fighting during Council meetings
- Lower taxes
- More advertisement of Greenbelt News channel
- More information about the programs. Better outreach beyond the Center City
- More interpersonal programs for younger seniors 55-72, more SAGE academic classes
- More senior housing; extend Greenbelt Connection hours
- More space and support for Greenbelt CARES; more attention to Greenbelt East; more attention to Greenbelt Middle School; district system
- More trees, more water in the lake at Buddy Attick Park; it is confusing the beavers
- New dog park. Better police interaction with young people - training
- Noise abatement from traffic. I would like to know if air pollution is a factor here, and if so then it should be controlled better
- Open season on deer

- PLA's for all new development; high wages/benefits for municipal employees; less cops
- Require representation from all parts of Greenbelt on Council. Greater efforts to encourage diversity in owned and rental homes in Center City
- Take the lead on climate change; make it safer for bikes and pedestrians; more green space. Keep at Maglev and prevent widening of 295 and 497
- Upgraded equipment at the gym; more recreation classes for adults. More transit and better transit options; need more safety for walking/biking
- Walking bridge over Kenilworth and Greenbelt Road. More bike paths or lanes
- We need more opportunities to provide feedback like this
- We need to plant more trees and avoid cutting down trees at all costs. Proper pruning of pears can keep them manageable but cutting down all of them will change the face of the City for the worse. We need to keep Greenbelt green. Cutting all of them down and planting other trees later is not forward thinking. Mature trees are desirable - we should maintain the ones we have and plant more - hundreds every year. I can't stress this enough. Maintenance of the outdoor basketball court area by the youth center must be improved - it's a cornerstone of Greenbelt's Recreation Department and the court/hill/trees are in major need of maintenance. This is one of the most used and visible parts of the City. Same with Braden Field - we could offer better playing fields for our youth
- You need more diversion in opinion by City Council members

Precinct 6

- Advocacy for climate change actions. How can we best make a difference here? Solar actions
- Better help for the less fortunate
- Continue to deal with some crime and juvenile disturbances
- Develop restorative transformative justice programs instead of more funding for police. Expand programs for seniors and people with disabilities to stay in their homes. Implement a city-wide racial equity plan like other cities such as Seattle, Washington and Portland, Oregon. Develop a rent control policy
- Focus on maintaining City structure and geography; resist the Maglev train installation; focus on job training and counseling to reduce criminal activity
- Get rid of pets; every other home a deaf person so you can have peace and quiet in your castle
- I strongly support all green initiatives. The greener the better. Willing to pay higher taxes for better schools. Would like to have municipal composting and as much recycling/zero waste as possible
- Increased attention to democracy and the exercise of civil rights. The best remedy I know is increased unionization, which provides a means for empowering people economically in association with others
- More access to services for non-English speakers. A continuous bike trail provision - no disappearing pedestrian/bike bridges over Greenbelt Road at Hanover Parkway and across Kenilworth at Crescent
- More ESL for immigrants; more outreach by City, County and non-profits to bring us together, unite

- More horticulture - public beauty, sustainable and community gardens; more support for our excellent city education program via CARES/Judge Herring; more support for Franklin Park residents (our opportunity to show our principles)
- More senior housing
- Publicize how to get on planning committee for City Festivals
- Term limits for Council members. First night celebration for families
- The audio for Council meetings and work sessions does not work. It cuts out in the middle. It's hard to understand what people mean
- Try to help theater be solvent. More light movies possible monthly - Bollywood (very popular with East Indians in past) and Muslim movies. Help Beijing spruce up

Precinct 8

- Follow the NAACP recommendations. Have dedicated seats for Greenbelt West
- Put more equipment in the gym. Have more support for the children after-school tutorials
- The information I receive via email is well done and easy to follow

Precinct 13

- Combine all parts of Greenbelt better
- Diversity and inclusiveness
- Greenbelt East (Windsor Green) doesn't demand much so we don't get much, either. But more attention given to the round-about on Ora Glen Drive would be very nice. One planting "box" has just three dull rocks in it. We could also use some help with costs of maintaining sparse turf between sidewalks and the street
- More seniors activities and advertisements to board and Council provisions on housing, financial and other committees
- Senior citizen passes for bus fare
- Youth internship programs in government, law offices, court house and other related locations

Precinct 18

- Be able to call Mayor
- Dog park/some park; parking after dark (Schrom Park)
- I think more programs for at-risk families, so that they can enjoy what I've discovered. Springhill Lake is a war zone and slowly Glen Oaks and Greenbriar are becoming the same
- Include Greenbelt East in same school boundary as Old Greenbelt
- Make them more affordable to everyone
- More IT company sponsors

Early Voting

- Accountability for renters in condominium developments
- All things ecological. Be leaders in reducing waste. Get a composting program to Farmer's Market (re: Alexandria, Virginia). More solar panels - more electric car chargers. Maybe a store where you can fill bottles, etc.
- At large is undemocratic when Greenbelt West continues not to have representation
- Better advertising/informing of events
- Better bike/walk connections between City sections

- Better integration of minorities
- Better maintenance; more public activities; upgrade the Beltway Plaza Mall
- City services: do not know enough about the distribution of money and services to comment
- Closing streets to traffic, especially on weekends to promote alternative transit options
- Communication, more engagement; new Council with brand new members - 2/ward/district, 1 at-large, perhaps; assess and address before taking immediate action; work closely with advocacy/advisory shops
- Concentrate on maintaining our position
- Conservation easement such as "Forever Wild" should be established for the Greenbelt Forest Preserve, so that it is truly protected
- Dissolve the State of Maryland and give it back to the Piscataway Indians
- Earlier start and earlier ending of City Council meetings. More amenities/programs in Greenbelt East and West. Improve facilities in Shrom Hills Park and larger meeting spaces in Franklin Park and a (baseball/soccer) field in Franklin Park
- Find creative ways to charge visitors instead of raising property taxes
- Fire lane at fire hydrant needs repainting on Julian Court
- For them to inspect the Franklin Park Apartments
- Fox Ridge Road
- I like how City is integrating new residences - I think the City has done a good job overcoming them into the "Greenbelt Way" inclusive with standards; it creates what I love best about Greenbelt - community
- I think services to Greenbelt West should be increased. The City is increasing the services, but the City can do more
- I volunteer at the Greenbelt Museum. Back in the day, there was a soda fountain that offered a few different things. Wouldn't it be nice to have a fun, wholesome after-school hangout where kids could get snacks and meet up, but that would also be a business that made money and provided jobs a la Starbucks
- I would like to see the City put the Forest Preserve into a conservation easement. It needs to really be protected from development. I would also like to see the City spend money to maintain our trees, green space without adding development. Stop cutting down our trees
- I'd like to start seeing these "programs" support themselves and not be funded by the City
- Improve quality of public information activities; improve city website; need to conduct reclassification survey
- Improved online accessibility of website
- In Roosevelt Center, some fronts need to be painted by Marie's Hair Salon, Nail Center, etc., and mailbox-drop by - chipped on top and painting - all mailboxes need to be cleaned or painted - checked with post office 2 years ago, nothing done yet
- Increase efficiency to reduce costs
- It may be time for the Council to be elected by district. People "understand" the issues where they live better than anyone else
- Make sure all parts of Greenbelt are familiar with services and programs
- Meetings during the day for those of us that have vision problems. Too many informative meetings 6-8pm
- More bike lanes; better sports facilities with lights
- More citizens watching out for each other - see something, say something

- More green initiatives
- More green initiatives. Encourage more recycling and composting
- More services for West Greenbelt, particularly Franklin Park. As a senior I think there should be a senior nutrition program in Franklin Park. If others appreciate it at the Center but Franklin Park needs it even more
- More trees to be planted in grassy areas and around playgrounds. Improve traffic flow along Ridge Road
- More use of automation, such as signups made easier for automated notifications, to enable less need by employees to do routine tasks
- New Council and stop "this is how we have always done it." Fresh ideas. Get a "grants person." A good grants person will earn twice his/her income in grants just in the first year
- Recreation classes - more classes for teens. Would be great to have a business incubator started at the Center. Would help vitalize the Center during the day and foster business start-ups
- Reduce taxes
- Require playgrounds and other amenities in all newly-developed areas; more renewable energy projects especially work with GES and School Board
- Support for single parents, divorced/widowed, in a non-denominational form would be great
- Switching yard waste pickup to Mondays so it doesn't have to sit in my yard all week after weekend yard work; better lighting on sidewalks for improved walkability at night; ban on use of salary history in hiring decisions
- There is a lot already
- Visiting nurses' program. Free service to declutter and un-ward
- Yes - Greenbelt broadband; yes - more green initiatives; yes - more counseling programs

Mailed/delivered

- All facilities should be pay as you go! Not my taxes! It is not acceptable for Prince George's to graduate unqualified students. The County public school system is disgusting. Daughter does not want children in Prince George's County schools
- Change how Council members are selected so we don't always end up with one joke and the same people every time. Need a way to get new people elected from Greenbelt East and West
- Curtail or ban sanctuary (immigrant) City status. Second amendment sanctuary. De-criminalization sanctuary (for marijuana). Uncertain as to the legality of federal immigration efforts. US/Maryland localities offering sanctuary (tax conflict). Creating tax conflict
- Green initiatives to the max; affordable senior housing
- Keep it up and get information out so we know how to join in
- Keep up news review and information plus pictures of current events
- More senior housing. Plant more trees. Greenbelt needs Co-op and pharmacy even more for this senior
- Stop raising taxes on Greenbelt East; get nothing free
- We really enjoy the summer fun runs, and would appreciate a youth track/cross country team/club. I think the City should replace the fencing of the community gardens

Web

- Better transparency, especially how taxes are spent
- Change Council term to 4 years. Cut back on police staff via attrition
- Change system of voting from all at-large to a mix of at-large and wards or districts
- City-wide composting in Center and East; recreation events that focus on walking tours and bicycling City neighborhoods
- Council work sessions should use microphones
- District elections for City Council (perhaps a combined district and at-large structure; more openness to and awareness of the needs of parts of the community outside Old Greenbelt)
- Diversity programs for the leftist citizenry in order for them to learn that conservatives are people too and that different opinions are okay to have
- Dogs should not be allowed on playgrounds where children play-people let their dogs relieve themselves-spray for mosquitos too!
- I would like to see term limits on City Council. I would like a dog park in Center City and I would like there to be a committee of dog park volunteers to help monitor and keep it decent
- I would like to see us continuing to be an environmental leader - green energy, zero waste, etc. And more programs focusing on equity throughout different parts of Greenbelt. Making programs and opportunities equally available to low-income residents/parts of town
- Institute term limits for City Council. It would be the best way to encourage new and diverse leadership. Don't go to a ward system. While we have separate sections of the City, I don't think there are separate issues that put sections in competition with one another that would warrant a ward system
- Less traffic in neighborhoods. Less tax dollars spent. Re-address the spending/expenses
- More community gardens and City-managed composting for residents. More traffic management in and out of Greenbelt on Crescent and Southway, which is only going to get worse if Roosevelt Plaza picks up more outside patrons - which it needs. Buddy Attick Park, which I believe is solely the City's responsibility, can get extremely crowded. That's nice, but as a City resident and taxpayer, I'm not sure at what level I want to subsidize the maintenance, trash removal, landscaping, etc., so non-Greenbelt residents can enjoy the park for free
- More contact with City Council members. Increase in community policing and bike patrols
- Pay the police more; term limits for City Council members
- Rethink rules regarding yard care
- Switch from at-large voting for City Council to a mix of districts and at-large seats
- Term limits for City Council. Fewer meetings for City Council
- Totally new Council
- Work with WMATA and the County to improve bus service. Better communications between government and citizens

Other Comments

4. Other Comments:

Note that a number in parentheses after a response indicates how many individuals gave that same response.

Other Public Services/Infrastructure

Precinct 3

- A police officer accused me of not coming to a complete stop at a stop sign on Southway and Ridge Road during morning rush hour. Law enforcement at stop signs are too aggressive
- Add lighting to N.W. sidewalk corner of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway - lighting poor "safety hazard" for walkers
- Combine (or intertwine more) Greenbelt Access Television and Greenbelt Municipal Television in the future. Save Public Television. It's an amazing resource to the community and it would be even better if it had an expanded presence. Video camp was my favorite thing as a kid, but I don't think either could pull it off without the other's help
- Does the Greenbelt Police Department have a Spanish speaking officer? My mother had to provide translation services because Greenbelt Police Department didn't have access to any Spanish speakers during an incident two weeks ago. That seems like poor planning to not have any bilingual officers
- Eager to see full staffing of Police Department. More contact of uniformed officers with public
- Greenbelt CARES should check if service information they provide is up-to-date. I was referred for psychological counseling to a phone number answering service that did not return my calls and possibly no longer exists
- I would like to see more patrols especially on bike or foot patrols of police in City Center
- Our interaction with recycling coordinator was not positive. She makes it more difficult to recycle in GHI than is needed
- Police Department is top notch. Their training in responding to individuals with mental health and addiction issues is absolutely commendable and appreciated
- Police need some major help. They are the most understaffed in the County, and have high tradition of racism; maybe because their Police Chief is white
- Quality could improve on fine art in the community - painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, mixed media - building "real" exhibitions of quality for professional artists residing in Greenbelt (adults) - exhibits of Greenbelt artists using the gallery space in the Community Center - not so many artists from the outside; two exhibits a year for professional artists in Greenbelt - in gallery. Labor Day exhibit is not enough nor long enough, nor professional enough. (See Gateways development examples in Hyattsville, Brentwood, Mt. Rainier)
- The stop sign system in Old Greenbelt is broken down as the drivers in the neighborhood pays less attention to their surroundings. We need a traffic light at the Southway and Ridge Road intersection urgently

- There are a lot of patrol units (cars), but very little personal foot/bike police presence. Conveniently, there is a lot of aggressive driving but I don't see any enforcement by patrol units. What the hell are they doing? Pedestrians have been killed crossing Greenbelt Road. This is an important and legitimate public safety issue
- There are questions about police here and I do not have any response. I am hoping there is sufficient oversight. I never hear anything talked about - of course I could have missed it
- Traffic control is not mentioned in the document. Need major improvements. Better control of speeders, more pedestrian support. (Bike paths; bike paths clearly designated)
- When the library closes (between November and January) could the City provide one room designated as a study room for all students to come for a quiet designated place to study (somewhere in the Community Center perhaps)? (It would probably need guest WiFi and outlets for laptops)
- Would like to see more police patrols on foot and combined with talking with residents about their concerns so that police policy can be tailored to reasonably meet resident concerns

Precinct 6

- Greenbelt Elementary School needs major maintenance
- I am very concerned with the environment, especially the climate crisis. I am very proud that Greenbelt sets a very positive example on this front regionally, but there is much more that we can and must do
- I see and appreciate all the hard work and effort of employees to make Greenbelt what it is. Thank you
- Officer Wagner (I think that was his name) of Greenbelt Police Department was very helpful when I had a bicycling accident on September 19th in front of the State Highway place off Kenilworth
- Police need to be less militaristic (sitting in cars with lights on), out walking a beat, and friendly to all citizens. Most are nice, some are too stern when no danger present
- Public safety #1. Overall the police are very good. Some officers do not seem to want to be thorough and barely investigate if not important to them. Also, police are not knowledgeable about animal control issues. Hope the City assigns two to four officers to get education regarding anti-cruelty statutes and animal control laws. The animal shelter and staff are very stressed. Many of us residents are very happy we have the animal shelter. Hope the shelter and staff get more funding and education - hours of operation and for adoption hours

Precinct 8

- More patrols of police. I've very rarely seen patrols in Greenbelt Station neighborhood

Precinct 13

- Continue to train public servants on customer service relations with the general public
- I am concerned about crime and how it is handled. My hope is to keep all residents safe
- In Greenbelt East (Windsor Green - landscape and grounds community) we are still awaiting cost estimates for replacing rubber chips in our five main playgrounds. We have also requested repairs for retaining timbers wherever they have deteriorated. We (our Homeowners Association) needs these estimates in order to budget for our cost-share

- portion of the expense. By the way, the timbers at Buddy Attick Park need attention, too
- Police dispatchers should be more polite

Precinct 18

- Crackdown on speeders on Ora Glen and Hanover Parkway
- Please have Greenbelt Police Department develop stronger ties to other departments

Early Voting

- Add speed bumps on Ridge Road; please - monitor traffic on Ridge Road especially when drivers race at school opening and closing times. It is not safe to cross the street or even get in or out of my car because of speeding cars
- Better and timely responses from GHI personnel - including email and actually doing something
- Better police training, attitude/behavior toward/with residents - we are seen not as partners but as adversaries; communication skills and follow-up
- Better responsiveness from Public Works Department
- Bring back outdoor movies - fun treat
- Council meetings quality of video and audio is very poor as was transfer of documents from old website to new websites
- GHI, in general, does a good job with maintenance, but in some respects do not show knowledge needed to perform the job accurately and generally ignore advice
- Greenbelt should not buy military equipment for police, and our non-cooperation with ICE should be iron-clad - law, not merely internal policy
- Have more police officers and increase police presence in the community. Increase police participation with community to solicit trust and cooperative effort to reduce crime
- I understand the importance of the dog park to many people. However, please remember there are many people who don't/wouldn't use this service. When I saw the possibility of a dog park at/near the lake, I was very disappointed. Please consider the wildlife, birding, noise level, and it's many wonderful uses and users already - walking, biking, BBQ, parties and quiet location for some. Dogs can perhaps be prioritized in a place without so many other priorities already. Thank you. Wonderful job
- I walk at the lake. I am older and like to go out to the benches at the end of the peninsula near tennis courts. Could a path be laid from the main trail to the end of the peninsula. I have balance problems and the walk is very uneven
- I wish we had at least two City buses. The one or two times I've called, it was already spoken for. I don't bother anymore. Police: the one time the police responded, they were misinformed about the most current NOISE ordinance. We are entitled to peace and quiet within reasonable time of day
- I would like to see police walking within the community. It does little good to race down Crescent Road in pursuit of people that have already committed a crime, which may have been prevented if there had been greater police presence in the community
- Isn't the Old Greenbelt Theatre one of the City's services not mentioned? It's an awesome resource. So is the library. It would be great to see more promotion of these resources
- More safe bike paths are needed
- Outstanding City employees such as C. Cherry and N. DeWald deserve recognition and pay in accord with their abilities and what they give to Greenbelt enhancing our way of life
- Parking enforcement comments are not to be construed as criticism of current parking enforcement officer, but a question/comment on current parking regulations. There are three unused vehicles that 'live' on Northway between Ridge and Hillside - two trucks with

historic tags - a white van. If/when they are cited by parking enforcement, if/when the owners notice the citation, the vehicle is just moved up one space. This City street is obviously being used for vehicular 'storage' by GHI residents. GHI does have a for rent storage lot at the Administration Building on Hamilton Place. Can nothing be done to end vehicular storage using parking spaces on City streets?

- Parks maintenance does a great job
- Police – de-escalation and racial justice training
- Provide police electric cars - Tesla Model 3 rated safest car in its class. Police should not have to inhale exhaust from idling. Model 3 very cost competitive with current fleet/planned replacement. Please research
- Stop putting large stones - 2 inches on the lake path
- Thanks to GAIL for help with senior information and programs
- The current dog park needs a lot of work. It is sad and tired. It would be better to fix it than put in a second. Would like to see more police presence in Greenbelt East
- The hedges at Roosevelt Center are a plant that is now considered invasive in this area. They should be replaced by native or non-invasive ones. Nandina full-sized bushes are also common and invasive. Love the benches and tables available here though
- The person who answers the phone for the police ought to seem to care about my call. Too often I feel like I've interrupted her peaceful afternoon
- The Public Works snow removal effort is top notch. They do a great job and I hope it continues in the future. Thank you
- There are cars that speed on Ridge Road and don't stop at the stop signs. If police park at/by a stop sign they could write a good amount of tickets. Hahaha, especially at the intersection of Ridge and Northway
- We have some gun shooting in Greenbriar area. Really liked the quick police response to this problem. Our police are awesome
- Would love to see City/County collection for composting or other initiatives to decrease the amount of trash waste in the City (higher fees to those who throw out more; purchase only biodegradable trash bags for trash pick-up, etc.)

Mailed/delivered

- Constant need to advocate for greenspace and the forest preserve
- During the summer, senior exercise classes are always being cancelled. We need these classes to stay healthy and have to fight to get them relocated. I know the summer camps are important, but equal consideration should be given to seniors when planning and allocating space for activities
- Greenbelt CARES provides many good services to the community, but should stick to only those they are good at! Greenbelt CARES should refer victims of trauma with PTSD to services elsewhere that have the specialty expertise and sensitivity to provide a safe, therapeutic environment essential in avoiding re-traumatizing the client
- Grow new trees, where the bamboo plants are. Use a (commercial brand) earth-mover to dig out the roots of all bamboo plants
- I think most GHI employees are overpaid and don't do much work

Web

- I would like to see more traffic calming such as narrowed lanes, traffic circles, speed humps, and lower speed limits especially near Greenbelt Elementary. There is literally no sidewalk on parts of Ridge Road between Research and Lastner Lane. This is a major

- pedestrian thoroughfare, particularly for children walking and biking to school
- I would like to see traffic calming speed humps at all school crosswalks and at entrance ramps into residential sections from high speed roads. Pedestrian crossing safety needs to be supported on Greenbelt Road; possibly with safe islands in the median allowing people to get at least partway across the road
- I'd like the City to use native plants on all City land to help support our local insect, bird, and other wildlife populations. I'd like to see a move away from using fossil fuel powered lawn mowers, edgers, leaf blowers, etc.
- Moderate your opposition to the Maglev. We cannot have it both ways. Commuters need to travel through Greenbelt. Either we accept widening the BW Parkway and 495, or we support mass transit. In my opinion, mass transit is the lesser of the two evils and Maglev is a successful and clean transit technology elsewhere, so why not here?
- Please consider pushing on the development of the trail from the Greenbelt Station to the Metro. Thank you!
- Please work on making the new trail connecting Greenbelt Station to the Metro a reality. One of the major reasons we chose to live here was the promise of a walking/bike trail to the Metro Station as we are frequent users of the Metro and supporters of public transportation in general. I hope this would be a priority for the Council and the City. In addition, providing lights on the trails already built would be greatly appreciated especially for the short days of winter. Would solar powered lights be a feasible option? Thank you!
- We do NOT need another dog park, nor one that is staffed
- We need an alternative to Comcast and Verizon
- What happened to the idea of moving the Fire Station out to vicinity of Southway and Greenbelt Road?

Leadership/Governance

Precinct 3

- A district/parts-of-town voting system would be worth considering. Local representation would cut the cost of campaigning for office
- Current Question #1: Representation of districts - perhaps there should be one or two at-large members with term limits and then a representative from each Greenbelt district elected to constitute the Greenbelt City Council
- Current Question#1: I would like to see a hybrid ward/at-large voting system
- God bless our community and it's leaders and neighbors
- Greenbelt West pays the least in taxes but uses the most services
- Set Council term limits. I love the Council reps but enough already. It's time to mix it up
- Term limits; wards for voting; direct election of Mayor; less taxes; stop spending money for the theater and every group that shows up for it
- Use a mixed system of at-large and district council. Put City election with other voting; separate costs extra, makes no sense
- We are fortunate to live in a progressive community. All of our needs can be met in the Center City
- With respect to the distribution of services: Center City appears to have the lion's share, a problem I believe having district reps can help

Precinct 6

- Concerned about equitable distribution of resources through all sections of Greenbelt
- I believe the City's growing population would justify changing from a totally at-large Council to a Council consisting of four neighborhood (ward?) representation and three at-large. The Mayor or Pro-tem would be selected from the at-large members
- I know there are efforts to establish and increase a stronger tax base. This increase could affect the quality of community sectors
- I support a districted voting system or mix district and at-large. I would also like to see term limits on Council members. It seems like incumbents have such a large advantage they are hard to vote out. Finally, early voting should be available equally across all sites. Having more early voting hours in predominantly white neighborhoods effects the election results
- I would like to reduce the advantage of incumbencies for City elections but not necessarily by using district specific. Maybe term limits or reducing the number of Council votes per voter
- Pass whatever laws are necessary to prevent the mobile billboards like "lady law" from ever polluting our visual landscape again
- Prioritize Council agenda to allow public to speak earlier. Reduce rudeness by Council members to each other. Reach out to non-profits to better serve City residents
- We find a way to create turnover on the City Council term limits - absolutely - something less than the currently proposed 16 years would be great. Go to Council meetings - it's the same script

Precinct 8

- As a Greenbelt West resident, I feel kind of isolated from the rest of Greenbelt
- We can do better. We can be the progressive vision the City was meant to embody. But we must go beyond mere race as the marker of inclusion. Wealth and opportunity and barriers to these things are often but not strictly correlated with race

Precinct 13

- Separate mayoral pick from seven at large in rankings to stop "bullet voting" for Council to pick a Mayor; and/or allow Council candidates to opt out of mayoral selection to narrow that slate. In other words - all candidates run for Council - some also run for Mayor - still select seven from Council candidates, but separate mayoral slate/vote of those also interested in serving in Mayor/or Mayor Pro-tem roles

Precinct 18

- Taxes are way too high. I am afraid that in the future I won't be able to sell my house because people can't afford the taxes. Mine are \$6,400 a year

Early Voting

- All agencies need implicit bias training
- City services and taxes - I am a member of GEAC and just learning about taxes distribution - not aware of any fairness issues at this time
- City services and taxes - I really don't know if services are distributed fairly in the City
- Every Council member does an outstanding job. I am thankful and proud to be a Greenbelter

- Greenbelt East and West are not accommodated like Old Greenbelt area
- Greenbelt East doesn't seem to have activities like those in other sections of the city
- I live in Old Greenbelt and have a lot of opportunity for activities very convenient to me. However, much as I understand this is a central location in Greenbelt, I would like to see other sections of Greenbelt have more opportunities
- More services need to be made available to residents in Greenbelt West
- Need district for fairer representation
- Our increase in taxes or fees could mean that I'd have to leave Greenbelt
- Please direct City government energies to local concerns and stay out of virtue signaling on national or international issues
- Public deserves knowledge when personnel system is failing. Executive Council meetings hides such failures
- Solicit public contribution (volunteers) for City services. People would much rather participate in short-term event (even if work is hard) than join a committee where they have to attend meetings. Advertise volunteers needed to do specific things. Meetings=blah/turn off ---> unproductive; event=something to do or accomplish. The City could use volunteers as a way to provide services without asking for tax increase
- Thank you for your questions on police, equity in City services in all sectors of the City and district voting

Mailed/delivered

- I agree with her. Switch from at-large to by district
- I don't want to pay for activities that I don't use. City needs to charge non-residents for use of Buddy Attick Park on July 4 and Labor Day. Entire City Council needs to be removed from office
- On the other side, I said I would not support a tax rate increase for any purposes mentioned. Keep in mind that the City is receiving additional revenues each year as tax revenue naturally increases with additional housing and when property values go up - as they did this year - even when tax rates stay the same
- S. Harris article in Greenbelt News Review makes a lot of sense (10/31/19, p.19).
- Stop raising taxes. I am 80 years old and pay over \$5000 property taxes and get nothing from the City

Web

- I am concerned that employee wages/benefits may not be keeping up with wages for similar jobs in the immediate area, and that is going to result in a loss of talent. I believe that ensuring employees earn a fair wage for their work, and that the wage is high enough to attract and retain talented workers, is important and that we should be willing to pay more in taxes to support that goal
- Strongly recommend term limits for Council. Select a new Recreation Department Director. City Manager needs to follow the City code and be held accountable for her actions
- Term limits for Council members please!

Multiple/Miscellaneous Topics

Precinct 3

- Stop cutting down trees
- Weight room at Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center is too warm
- Absolutely no change from the at-large system. There is no need to play one part of the City against another one. The Council does a great job as is. Please keep an eye on youth around the youth center. Loud music (rap) often played in the parking lot
- City services and tax #2: Franklin Park prevents many of the public services enjoyed by Center and East Greenbelt from reaching West Greenbelt (the newspaper for starters)
- Want to safely walk to Greenway - need lights at night and a sidewalk. All out support needed by Council to keep development out of the USDA farms. Greenbelt has already lost too much green space, and we don't want more roads widened and increased traffic raising temperatures in the area and harming our environment
- I am soon purchasing a home in GHI and looking forward to being more active in Greenbelt activities and issues
- Encourage public arts in Roosevelt Center and throughout Greenbelt, i.e., sculptures and murals
- Initiate Christmas tree; commemorate all areas of holidays
- All police officers should have deep training in diversity, equity, and inclusion and conflict management. Services are too centralized in Old Greenbelt
- Perhaps we could start a volunteer service such as College Park has started: Neighbors Helping Neighbors - 301-222-3434/www.nhn-cp.org

Precinct 6

- Address the periodic flooding in the 100 block of Hedgewood Drive (higher houses)
- Don't change too much
- I expected a question about the initiative to allow US printing facilities on the USDA farmlands. I planned to vote against allowing such a measure
- Police presence in Greenbelt is good. Would like to see more officers on foot, on bikes, especially in afternoon when children are out of school. City services from my perspective in Old Greenbelt, we get the lions share. Not sure it is equitable to others in other parts of Greenbelt
- Suggest moving Eleanor Roosevelt memorial now on Crescent Road in Boxwood to a more central location in historic Greenbelt
- When a citizen observes a domestic assault occurring in another family, the report from that citizen should establish sufficient probable cause to do a roll by health and welfare check of that family's residence

Precinct 8

- I'm still new so I'm learning about everything Greenbelt has to offer
- There should be a limit on rent increases to residents or the State of Maryland should have rent control. Seniors on fixed income are suffering the most

Precinct 18

- No comments at this time
- Scholarships for at risk students who don't excel as well as the science and tech students but still want to attend college or a trade school
- We are new residents, so have not yet utilized many services (we are part of an HOA)

Early Voting

- Additional comments that were not submitted in my original survey. Education, perhaps an initial question that says "do you have school age children," if no, skip to Question X. Same idea for dog park question, e.g., do you use the dog park? if no, skip to Question X
- As a Greenbelt East resident, I have very little contact with City services or personnel
- At the intersection of Mandan Road and Matthew Street there needs to be a yellow painted sidewalk (indicating no parking) as vehicles are parked too close on the corner at Matthew Street turning on to Mandan Road
- Attached to City like 2 is to 3 (smiles)
- Community Center is focused on seniors and art studios. (Yes, pre-school, meetings and classes) All very nice but not used by lots of the community. There used to be an art room for drop in art - open to all - that would be great. Could also have a room for pre-school/and or home school that could drop in. Maybe either a teen drop in room or maybe a teen council. Would be nice if the News Review had a place for upcoming events; one for current weekend and one for the future. They tend to list things with future but not what is happening current weekend. Frustrating to look at previous news
- GAFC needs a bathing suit spinner/dryer (even in lobby if necessary). Police provide outstanding service, but we seriously need sign and enforcement for no left turn on Southway into BP. People ignore the obvious physical "barrier" and have said "there's no sign." They do it regularly and it's dangerous coming out of BP
- High school-age students from our neighborhood (Greenbelt Station) should attend Eleanor Roosevelt High School; right now, they cannot
- I feel that Springhill Lake/Franklin Park/Greenbelt West is left out of lots of community activities, e.g., Labor Day Fest, Council meetings - I feel sad and disappointed. Recognize our active home schooling community and support just like for public schools
- I haven't seen the new Police Chief around. Remove screen time from youth programs. Why Greenbelt Station kids go to GES instead of SHLES?
- I love living in Greenbelt. Please keep grants available to arts organizations like NDC (municipal venue) OGT and GAC. Also under City taxes - I don't know if taxes are spent fairly across sections of City. I feel that Center City (GHI/Roosevelt Plaza) seems well served and I hope other neighborhoods feel the same about their areas
- Keep up the good civic image/involvement. Preserve the green space
- More green = cleaner, nicer city
- More police presence on foot and bicycle. Stop cutting down trees in Greenbelt; Public Works (recently) seems to be cutting all the bushes/brush back very far on Crescent; keep it more natural and wild
- My perception is that Old Greenbelt is emphasized a lot when discussions etc., arise about Greenbelt. This perception leads me to believe that other areas of the City suffer as a result. This is my perception and is not based on any facts
- None

- Police - when the lady at Ivy Lane was killed, a friend and I saw many cops and wondered what happened. The police were there but did not have a visible shield (either barrier or blanket) over her. This was very disturbing. We were just casually driving by, not even trying to look. Please protect residents from seeing something so horrible, and respect the deceased. City services - Labor Day Festival moved to Springhill Lane where there are more kids
- Residents of Greenbelt Station should be able to send children to Greenbelt Schools
- This is probably not the information you're looking for but I think the Greenbelt Museum should be labeled a historic house rather than a museum
- Trees combat global warming; beavers are eating hundreds of trees. Get rid of the beavers, wildlife nuisance destruction
- Will have more to say next year after living here longer
- Work on ways to reduce Internet costs, perhaps by forming a City Co-op residents could buy into voluntarily and then use purchase power of large numbers of customers to reduce per household costs

Mailed/delivered

- Greenbelt needs better rent control - rent at Glen Oaks has risen particularly steeply in the last few years and is downright unaffordable now. City services seem to be focused on Old Greenbelt
- Landlord attempts servitude and reduced benefits after signed lease. Landlord intrusive in private areas for tenants. Landlord sends tenants on errands. 20 tenants moved out within 2 years 3 rooms. Landlord says renting out is a favor, so demands more than rent. Monitor private residence rentals for services and they need to be monitored and taxed as business owners to include. No retaliations for making a complaint to the City. A copy of City rental regulations to be provided by the landlord at all lease signings. Thanks. Please provide a section in this survey for the option to be reached for more information by phone, email, text, etc.
- Safety - I was calling the police to obtain a lost driver's license for a friend. The dispatcher refused to give me a sense of the hours the officer worked on solution or even to explain how officer's schedules could vary. Services - Central Greenbelt has the Community Center, ball fields, tennis, etc. West Greenbelt has a small center with only 4 rooms; few options, no classes. East Greenbelt has one tiny meeting room, no staff

Web

- No other comments
- This survey was a bit confusingly designed. More questions should be explicitly marked "optional", or have "N/A" responses (I often chose neutral, middle-of-the-road answers when N/A would have been more appropriate)

Economic and Community Development

Precinct 3

- All developments proposing increased density of people should be immediately opposed by City Council. This best protects our way of life
- Dog park in each section so do not need to cross major intersection to get there. If a section of town is underutilized look to increase density of population with ownership to support activities at all times of day in that section
- Encourage green businesses; provide more support to businesses in Roosevelt Center
- Grants to Greenbelt businesses especially those downtown for athletics. There are old buildings. It takes a lot to keep them up
- Greenbelt Lake dam project needs to be interpreted better to the public using various channels of communication
- I am alarmed at the idea that the Bureau of Engraving may establish a facility in the Agricultural Farms. This would be devastating to the environment and to the traffic congestion
- Maximize partnerships with University of Maryland, Holy Cross, Adventist University students in contributing to lasting services or projects
- Quicker response to and rejection of threatening change, like Maglev train. Bowie reacted immediately and their sites removed off the list. We waited too long and now may have to endure that horror. The proposed move of the Engraving Bureau to our farmland should be insisted firmly and in a timely manner or the watershed will be destroyed and a president not for government and committed interests overrating our community
- Search for new revenue sources – e.g., broadband charge for it. Make some money that would otherwise go to Verizon

Precinct 6

- Resist over development
- Widen Kenilworth Avenue from Cherrywood to Powder Mill Road

Precinct 8

- Crack down on Greenbelt Station developers, who have defrauded thousands of residents for years now. Harsh inspections of their shoddy work are good for taxpayers
- Finish trail from Greenbelt Station to the Greenbelt Metro Station
- Greenbelt Station needs to be further developed to connect it with the Greenbelt Metro Station. Beltway Plaza needs to be drastically improved and redeveloped

Precinct 18

- On a whole Greenbelt is a very nice place to live. We need some better upscale restaurants and better stores for shopping

Early Voting

- Consider building above the City-owned buildings, i.e., the Center. The buildings below would retain their architectural integrity while adding additional housing for seniors for example. It has been done elsewhere with success

- Greenbelt West is underrepresented. It is the one place that has a capacity for growth, and is least connected. Improve what needs improving most, first. Greenbelt West
- I don't know if services are evenly distributed, but facilities are definitely not. Seems Greenbelt West is least served and proposed new development will make even more demands on limited resources
- Let's improve what we have without destroying it through upbuilding of Roosevelt Center. Old Greenbelt must be maintained as the special trees/woods place it is
- The Lake dam project is a boondoggle of the worst type, eating up money better spent elsewhere, but I am glad Council at least tried to stop it

Mailed/delivered

- Some areas of the neighborhood look fiscally repressed and segregated. Why?

Web

- Would love to see a Trader Joe's in Greenbelt

Multiple/Miscellaneous Likes

Precinct 3

- Greenbelt Connection is fabulous; service to Greenbelt community
- Greenbelt is a great place to live. We are glad to live here even if some things need improvement. Hope it always remains safe and affordable
- Greenbelt is great
- I love Greenbelt
- I love Greenbelt
- I love Greenbelt overall; seems "Center City" "Old Greenbelt" gets a lot of attention as opposed to the surrounding parts of Greenbelt
- I love it here
- In general, pleased with services and community
- Keep up the good work
- Love it here. Keep up the amazing work
- Old Greenbelt is basically a nice place to live
- Thank you
- Thank you
- Thank you, Greenbelt is wonderful
- Thanks for providing this questionnaire
- Thanks for this survey
- This is the greatest community I have lived in

Precinct 6

- Greenbelt is a great community
- I love Old Greenbelt
- My family moved here in 1957. I retired here. There is no place like Greenbelt. I've seen Greenhills, Ohio and I know what happened there when selfishness took over
- Our town continues to get better - more responsive

- Really enjoy Greenbelt overall
- The City does a terrific job. My taxes are well spent
- The Greenbelt Co-op is an asset to the community and one, I hope, will continue

Precinct 8

- I especially love major community events (e.g., Labor Day/Memorial Day Festival in East Greenbelt) and Farmer's Market

Precinct 13

- I live here. I am happy. I feel safe. Many thanks to all
- Overall, Greenbelt is a well-run City with good services - other than the schools

Precinct 18

- I am willing to pay more and higher taxes for a better quality of life. I love Greenbelt, and am willing to pay for it
- Keep up the good work
- Thank you

Early Voting

- Congrats
- Good job
- Good job City
- Greenbelt is a beautiful planned community
- I appreciate and enjoy Greenbelt
- I like to be positive and as a "born here" "old-towner," I like that we have all stayed away from fractioning - so I like the at-large candidates. We have so much to be proud of
- I love Greenbelt
- I love Greenbelt. Lived here for almost 50 years
- I love living in Greenbelt, the programs for seniors are wonderful
- I love living in Greenbelt. Keep up the good work
- I love the Greenbelt concept. That is why I moved into GHI in 1954
- I'm very happy to be living in Greenbelt
- In general I feel the City is doing a great job
- It's fantastic that you're doing this survey. Thank you
- Keep up the good work and thanks for your efforts
- On the whole, I love Greenbelt
- Thank you
- Thank you for all you do. I love Greenbelt
- Thank you. I love Greenbelt
- Thanks
- Thanks for listening
- Thanks to all employees for a job well done
- When I found Greenbelt, I found home; I wouldn't want to move for any reason

Mailed/Delivered

- Thank you! We love living here
- Thanks for all you do
- This is a very nice community and you can tell how much people care and it's also safe which is very important

Web

- Generally good, but room for improvement
- Great City; nowhere is perfect; I like all that the City has to offer
- I like that this survey is offered as an opportunity for resident input
- I love living in Greenbelt, and feel that it keeps improving!
- I'm pretty content. My frustrations are small. Keep up the good work
- Overall, a great place to live!
- Thanks for helping to make this community a wonderful place to live!

Multiple/Miscellaneous Dislikes

Precinct 3

- Generally speaking, around Franklin Park is not safe. I always think twice before going to Giant. Building more apartments and fancier looking shopping area will not bring in more people after the initial opening occurs. It will still be an unsafe area with even more space for mischief. A fear there will be a lot of retail space not rented then it will not look good. (i.e., we really need more people stuffed into this area? What about schools to support this? What about the traffic? You may get more businesses to come to the area but I do not believe they will stay due to the areas that are high in crime)
- Greenway Center CVS drug store needs to keep the street around the store cleaner, the parking of large transport trucks parked around dog park and the trash that accumulates in that area
- Springhill Lake is draining the City
- The return envelopes sent out with City bills are too small

Precinct 6

- 193 makes non-Old Greenbelt much less walkable, bikeable, and less park-friendly

Precinct 8

- A lot of the parking problem would be solved if Franklin Park would have a parking permit program or let the tenant rent the parking space. There are people in the community selling cars

Precinct 13

- I know the City of Greenbelt doesn't have much influence but I'm disappointed that the B-30 to BWI is weekends only. So much for public transportation
- No Maglev train
- The 4ish Football night games at Eleanor Roosevelt High School were tolerable. Now they allow other events that blast loud noise well after bedtime, this is getting to be annoying

Precinct 18

- Library should have more standardized hours - be more vigilant about noise control at library - can't study there

Early Voting

- Contractor who installed new sidewalks and planted 95% weeds on either side of new walk. Better to have planted nothing
- Enforce City laws currently on the books; for example: No smoking - individuals sit/smoke where signs are visible. No dogs allowed - dogs at Farmer's Market/volleyball area. Wear helmets - skateboarders seen skateboarding without helmets to protect them
- Need to cut taxes. Food costs are sky-rocketing. Can't save for retirement/healthcare for long-term. Really stressful living here
- Stop the Maglev
- The chairs in the classrooms are disgusting. Room temperatures are frigid. Shame on the City to allow such mistreatment of senior citizens and non-seniors
- The excessive speeding and running stop signs is rampant. Pulling over for emergency vehicles is almost non-existent
- Tree replacement with trees not bushes. City scenic quality has decreased over the 20 years. Roads still divide Greenbelt into distinct parks

Mailed/delivered

- Franklin Park - crime rate too high; County/City residents - in SF homes need alarm systems/camera systems; Greenbriar condominiums - too much vehicle vandalism. Pitbull and breeds running loose; ban pitbulls and breeds from (City) rental units - because dogs cannot receive the exercise needed. Need enclosed dog park. Ban pitbulls equal to Prince George's County
- I am very alarmed about the critters in my yard. I am a gardening lover. My plants were destroyed this year. I purchased this year and previous years plants and shrubs that were deer resistant and they ate them. I also used deer repellents and ground hog repellents to no avail. I also have other critters: rabbits, squirrels, raccoon, and foxes. The location of my house is open space and critters can enter anywhere they want to. I am not the only one having this problem

Web

- Greenbelt and City Council need to assume a tougher, more critical stance about deleterious development that would diminish quality of life of its residents. Greenbelt should address noise problems, particularly helicopters, which fly over Greenbelt frequently; they are especially bad at certain times, as if they use our environs as a MAP. Please begin a concerted effort to research and challenge the frequent use of helicopters. They are worse than a nuisance. The noise is disruptive and nobody should have to move to get away from it! The City should consider obtaining the entire Roosevelt Center. With most of the Center in the hands of disinterested landlords, most of our local businesses are vulnerable to increasing rents and poor maintenance. And the City can't do much about the dowdy condition of some of the buildings. Worse, these landlords are sucking money out of Greenbelt, instead of bringing it into Greenbelt. I love Greenbelt and am always glad to

come home! The flaws are few and far between

- Greenbelt Metro Station community was built and assigned to Greenbelt City although it could have been College Park or Berwyn Heights. It feels like taxes are collected but we do not see much recognition, representation or use of those tax dollars. Feels like main/Old Greenbelt lives its own life without seeing the new emerging trends in demographics
- I own my home in Windsor Green, and pay monthly dues to our homeowner association. The fees cover trash collection, snow removal, street maintenance, common area maintenance, pool operations, etc. The City of Greenbelt provides me with very few services for my tax dollars. Yet, in September, Greenbelt Code Enforcement decided that our community was in violation of the City's Property Maintenance Code, and requires that I should purchase a garbage container for trash that Greenbelt does not collect. I consider this to be none of the City's business, and have no intention of either hauling a barrel up and down the hill beside my house, OR storing a trash barrel inside my home. I have been putting my trash out in a plastic bag for 20+ years with no problems... except when Greenbelt makes edicts like this every 6-7 years. I say, enforce the trash you collect